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Steelers hang tough

Rashard Mendenhall, right, and the Steelers left Detroit with a tougher-than-expected win over the Lions. **1B**

Gays march

Thousands of gay rights activists marched in Washington, D.C., on Sunday **5A**

Insurers rip health plan

Plan supporters question the credibility of late-inning cost estimate provided by insurance lobby.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The insurance industry sharply escalated its criticism of the Senate health care bill Sunday, charging that the legislation would shift costs to privately insured people, raising the price of a typical policy by hundreds — if not thousands — of dollars annually.

A spokesman for Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., whose 10-year, $829 billion overhaul plan faces a final committee vote Tuesday, questioned the credibility of the late-innings cost estimate.

"It's a health insurance company hatchet job, plain and simple," said Scott Mulhauser.

Until recently, the health insurance industry has been working behind the scenes to shape legislation, while publicly endorsing President Barack Obama's goal of affordable coverage for all Americans. The fragile alliance is growing strained as legislation advances toward floor votes in the House and Senate.

Late Sunday, the industry trade group America's Health Insurance Plans sent its member companies a new accounting firm study that projects the legislation would add $1,700 a year to the cost of family coverage in 2013, when most of the major provisions in the bill would be in effect.

Premiums for a single person would go up by $600 more than would be the case without the legislation, the PriceWaterhouseCoopers analysis concluded. The study was commissioned by the insurance group.

"Several major provisions in the current legislative proposal will cause health care costs to increase far faster and higher than they would under the current system," Karen Ignagni, the top industry lobbyist in Washington, wrote in a memo to insurance company CEOs.

The study projected that in 2019, family premiums could be $4,000 higher and individual premiums could be $1,500 higher.

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Walk for a cause

The annual Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk drew a crowd to Charleroi during the weekend. **10A**

Valley Review

Miss a big story last week? Fear not. Check out Valley Review, a regular Monday feature. **3A**

SPORTS

Yanks, Angels set

The Yankees will play host to the Angels Friday in the first game of the American League Championship Series, but the Dodgers still don't know whether they will play the Phillies or the Rockies for the National League crown. **3B**

DEATHS

- John B. "Red" Klima, 89, of West Brownsville
- Alvera M. Litsky, 74, of Donora
- Benjamin B. Lubecki, 91, of Manchester, Mo., formerly of Belle Vernon
- Sofia Miklos, 97, of Charleroi
- Beverly Ullom Swart Rydel, 75, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., formerly of Beallsville
- James H. Soldridge, 68, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township)

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Tonight Mostly cloudy 45°
Tuesday Mostly cloudy 55°

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MAWC set to protect H_2O supply

Municipal authority approves more than $5.5 million worth of water preservation projects.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
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Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County board members have approved more than $5.5 million in improvement projects that officials said will enhance and protect the region's water supply.

In an effort to bolster the water supply in the central part of Westmoreland County, the authority will build storage tanks in Hempfield that will hold up to 3 million gallons of water.

Meanwhile, a new, upgraded transmission line will be installed in New Stanton to replace century-old pipes.

The water tanks will augment an existing tank in Hempfield. Authority members authorized payment of more than $2.7 million for a 2-million-gallon tank for the east Greensburg area and a 1-million-gallon tank to serve the New Alexandria and Crabtree service district.

Construction of the tanks is expected to start early next year.

"They will be strategically located to feed water in the Greensburg area," Kerr said.

The new tanks will enhance the authority's ability to store more water and reinforce the current system should there be service interruptions along the transmission lines.

Because there had been only one tank in that area of the county, Kerr said repairs proved difficult because water service had to be halted. The additional tanks will enable water service to continue even if repairs are needed.

The project includes building a booster pumping station with a reverse flow setting that will enable the authority to supplement service to multiple parts of the service area during peak demand periods or an emergency situation.

Authority members approved a $2.8 million project to replace 1.3 miles of 100-year-old pipeline through New Stanton.

The pipeline repairs are part of a four-phase project to upgrade the aging transmission lines throughout the central part of the county.

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Stacy Wolford/The Valley Independent

Douglas Education Center will sponsor an Extreme Scavenger Hunt. Preparing, front row, from left, are Joe Daft, of New York, and Anthony Vingas, of Monessen; and rear, Aaron J. Shelton of Georgia; Mike Berry, of Massachusetts; and Chuck Gellak, of Philadelphia.

Douglas students scavenge to learn about Mon Valley

The exercise is designed to help new, out-of-the-area students to settle in.

By STACY WOLFORD
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MONESSEN – Don't be surprised to see Douglas Education Center students scrambling around town today to collect receipts and menus from restaurants or taking photos of city landmarks.

It's all part of an "Extreme Scavenger Hunt" the school is conducting to celebrate its 105th anniversary and a new class session.

Public Relations Coordinator Tara Darazio said the students will form teams of four to six and try to complete 105 scavenger hunt tasks beginning today.

"We thought this would be a great way to introduce them to everything the city offers and a way to get out and see other parts of the Mon Valley," Darazio said of new, out-of-state students.

She said the session, which began Oct. 1, has the highest enrollment yet, with 180 new students. Many move to Monessen for the school's Tom Savini Special Make-Up Effects Program and the Factory Digital Filmmaking Program.

Darazio said 75 percent of the students enrolled in those programs live in DEC housing in Monessen.

"Many of the kids who move here have no idea what's around," she said.

Among the tasks, teams must obtain a receipt from any restaurant in Charleroi, a fast-food restaurant in Belle Vernon, menus from several Monessen restaurants, a copy of a Monessen parking ticket and a Subway sandwich wrapper.

Some of the photos they will have to take are of three team members with Douglas President Jeff Imbrescia; teams sitting at a bus stop, and at City Park wearing Douglas T-shirts.

"It also gives all students, local and nonlocal, the opportunity to work with one another and socialize, while at the same time acclimating themselves to Douglas and the town around them," Imbrescia said.

"We want the students to get to know the welcoming nature of this region and to learn about the businesses and people that will become their extended family during their time here."

Some of the other tasks will be obtaining a Monessen Public Library and District Center card, visit the Monessen Heritage Museum and join the Douglas Facebook fan page.

The hunt includes a "fill-in-the-blanks" test with questions about local businesses and city landmarks. Many of the questions, such as "What do staff members call Nuzzaci's Pizza?" and "How many booths are there at the Pasta Shoppe?" require visits.

The hunt will end Friday, at which time teams must submit the items they collected.

Darazio said the team that completes the most tasks correctly will win several prizes. She said several local businesses have donated gift certificates for the winners.

'Green walls' taking root in building design

They're covered in vegetation and provide the benefits of natural insulation and removal of air pollutants.

By DAN NEPHIN
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — The next big thing in green building design might be to turn an existing idea on its side.

PNC Financial Services Group Inc. recently installed a green wall the size of two tennis courts on one side of its headquarters.

Like green roofs — their perpendicular counterparts — green walls are covered in vegetation and provide the benefits of natural insulation and removal of air pollutants. PNC, which provides banking and wealth management services, estimates it will be 25 percent cooler behind the wall than the ambient summer temperatures.

Green walls also can be visually engaging.

The PNC wall features more than 15,000 ferns, sedums, brass buttons and other plants that create a swirling pattern of varying hues of green above the company's logo. They are divided among hundreds of 2-by-2-foot aluminum panels that were anchored onto the building's frame after part of the granite facade was removed.

"We think it's the right thing to do for our community, for our customers and our shareholders," said Gary Saulson, head of corporate real estate for PNC. "We wanted to add greenery to an area that didn't have any. ... We really view the green wall as public art."

Steven Peck, president of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, a Toronto industry association, said interest in green walls is growing, though the group does not keep statistics. He estimates green roof installations have increased at about 30 percent a year over five years.

Green Living Technologies LLC, of Rochester, N.Y., designed the wall at PNC. Chief Executive George Irwin said the company also has installed walls in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago and Seattle.

PNC bills its green wall as the largest in North America. The wall covers nearly 2,400 square feet. PNC officials declined to give a precise estimate of its cost. Irwin said that on average green walls cost about $100 to $125 a square foot.

The structure at PNC requires only 15 minutes a week of watering during peak growing season

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VALLEY PEOPLE

State resurrects plan to toll Interstate 80

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pennsylvania Turnpike officials are preparing to revive their application to impose tolls on Interstate 80.

Meanwhile, opponents plan to unveil a study that finds I-80 tolls are unjustified.

They claim making the highway a toll road could lead to an increase in crashes.

Turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo says the agency soon will submit supplemental information to the Federal Highway Administration in support of the I-80 application.

The administration rejected the state's toll bid 13 months ago because it did not meet legal requirements.

Critics of the toll proposal will release a study Monday by a Grove City College professor that concludes I-80 drivers pay more than enough in fuel taxes to cover maintenance costs for the 311-mile cross-state highway.

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The fourth phase, expected to be completed next year, will replace 2.5 miles of water lines from Youngwood to South Greensburg.

The costs for the fourth phase will be set later this year.

Jim Ray, assistant authority manager, said work on the New Stanton project is expected to begin in March and be completed next summer.

The authority has replaced about 4.5 miles of old water lines. In 2005, the authority borrowed more than $57 million to pay for capital improvement projects, including the replacement of the century-old transmission lines and construction of new water tanks.

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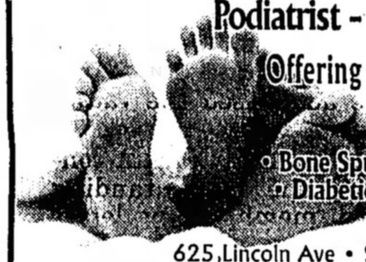

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Yesteryear

This photo was taken in 1948 on the wedding day of John and Carmella Demuro Pascaralla. From left are the groom, the bride; Antoinette Capposi, maid of honor; and best man, unknown. The photo was submitted by Ralph Pascaralla, of Monessen.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 55 Low 35	High 52 Low 38	High 53 Low 42	High 48 Low 38	High 52 Low 39

Health plan (FROM PAGE ONE)

Baucus spokesman Mulhauser said the study is "seriously flawed" because it doesn't take into account provisions in the legislation that would lower the cost of coverage, such as tax credits to help people buy private insurance, protections for current policies and administrative savings from a revamped marketplace.

White House health care spokeswoman Linda Douglass concurred. "This is an insurance industry analysis that is designed to reach a conclusion which benefits the industry, and does not represent what the bill does," she said.

The Baucus plan faces a final vote in the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday. It got a boost last week after the Congressional Budget Office estimated it would cover 94 percent of eligible Americans while reducing the federal deficit.

But the PriceWaterhouseCoopers analysis attempted to get at a different issue — costs for privately insured individuals.

It concluded that a combination of factors in the bill — and decisions by lawmakers as they amended it — would raise costs.

The chief reason, said the report, is a decision by lawmakers to weaken proposed penalties for failing to get health insurance.

The bill would require insurers to take all applicants, doing away with denials for pre-existing health problems. In return, all Americans would be required to carry coverage, either through an employer or a government program, or by buying it themselves.

But the CBO estimated that even with new federal subsidies, some 17 million Americans would still be unable to afford health insurance. Faced with that affordability problem, senators opted to ease the fines for going without coverage from the levels Baucus originally proposed. The industry says that will only let people postpone getting coverage until they get sick.

Other factors leading to higher costs include a new tax on high-cost health insurance plans, cuts in Medicare payments to hospitals and doctors, and a series of new taxes on insurers and other health care industries, the report said.

"Health reform could have a significant impact on the cost of private health insurance coverage," it concluded.

Insurers played a major role in defeating then-President Bill Clinton's health care plan in the 1990s. Sunday, the industry stopped short of signaling all-out opposition. "We will continue to work with policymakers in support of workable bipartisan reform," Ignagni said in her memo.

Green walls (FROM PAGE ONE)

— less in winter — provided through the building's plumbing system. PNC has a contract with the installer to prune the plants and replace dead ones if necessary.

Joanne Westphal, a landscape architecture professor at Michigan State University and part of the school's Green Roof Research Program, said the biggest benefit to green walls is their ability to help cool buildings through shading. They also help capture rainwater and release it more slowly into the atmosphere and stormwater systems.

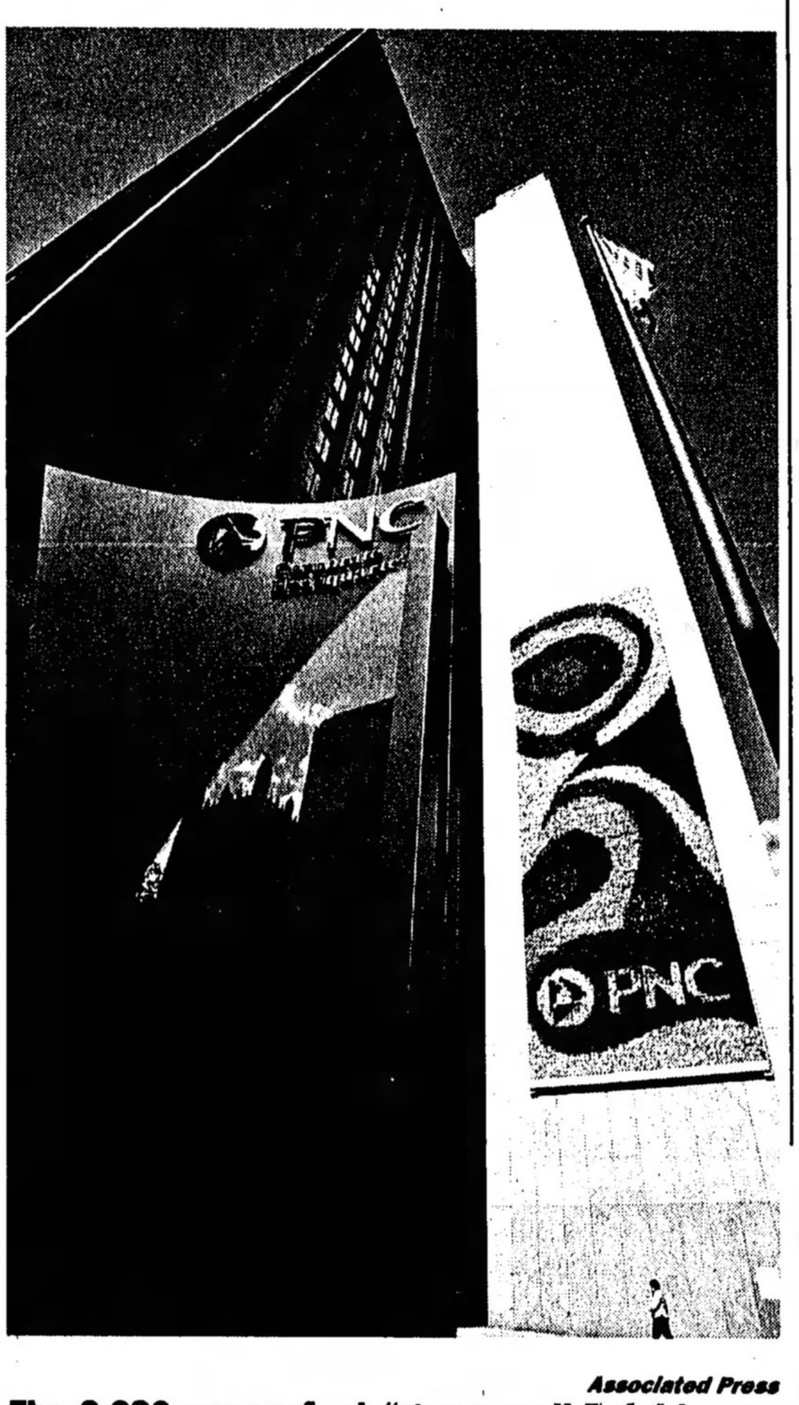
Green Living says also that each of the roughly 600 panels at the PNC headquarters can offset the carbon output of one person a day.

Green Living got into the market several years ago after trying to devise a solution for a customer who wanted a green roof on a steeply pitched building. The walls can also be installed inside buildings.

Irwin said green walls aren't exactly a new idea: The Romans planted grape vines along building walls, resulting, he said, in faster growing and sweeter grapes for wine. The structures are also prevalent in Europe, where modern-day green roofs first took off.

Near ground level of the building where PNC's wall is located, at 1 PNC Plaza in downtown Pittsburgh, a small panel holds some of the plants and a plaque tells passers-by about the wall.

"I think they want to believe it's real," PNC's Saulson said, "and it is."



Associated Press

The 2,380-square-foot "green wall," right, was installed recently at One PNC Plaza, an office, hotel and condominium project in downtown Pittsburgh. Consisting of ferns, sedum, brass button and other plants, green walls boast the environmental benefits of removing air pollutants and providing insulation.

Cop charged with indecent exposure

MCKEES ROCKS, Pa. (AP) — A western Pennsylvania police officer has been charged with indecent exposure while allegedly making unwanted sexual advances toward a 20-year-old bartender.

Allegheny County police say the incident took place Tuesday at Tavern With the Lights in North Fayette Township.

Fifty-one-year-old Nigel Hodges, an officer in Robinson Township, another Pittsburgh suburb, allegedly grabbed and kissed the woman until she broke away.

Police say that happened after the bar's last customer left for the night.

Hodges allegedly exposed himself and that the woman was initially afraid to report the incident because Hodges was a police officer. He was arrested Saturday.

Hodges doesn't have a listed phone and court records don't list an attorney.

Hodges' chief didn't return a call on his employment status.

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Valley briefs

NBV woman killed in crash

The driver of a vehicle that crashed Saturday morning on the Mon/Fayette Expressway in Fallowfield Township, killing a passenger, remains in fair condition in a Pittsburgh hospital

Kenneth L. Lloyd, 28, of 530 Green St., North Belle Vernon, was flown to Allegheny General Hospital with multiple injuries after the 6:45 a.m. crash on the southbound lanes of the toll road.

State police said Lloyd and a passenger in his vehicle, Erin Marie Myers, 24, also of North Belle Vernon, were ejected from the Kia sedan after it swerved to avoid hitting something that traveled across the roadway.

The vehicle traveled across the grass median and then rolled over several times, coming to rest in the northbound lanes, according to police.

Myers was pronounced dead at the scene by Washington County Coroner S. Timothy Warco at 7:48 a.m.

The coroner listed the cause of death for Myers as multiple blunt force trauma.

Police said that excessive speed may have been a factor in the accident.

State police from the New Stanton barracks are continuing to investigate the accident.

Assisting state police from the New Stanton barracks at the scene of the accident were volunteer firefighters from Fallowfield Township and Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Official downplays flu vaccine risks

A top U.S. health official says the risks from not getting the swine flu vaccine are greater than any potential risks associated with the vaccine.

Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says she's surprised by all the misinformation going around about the new vaccine.

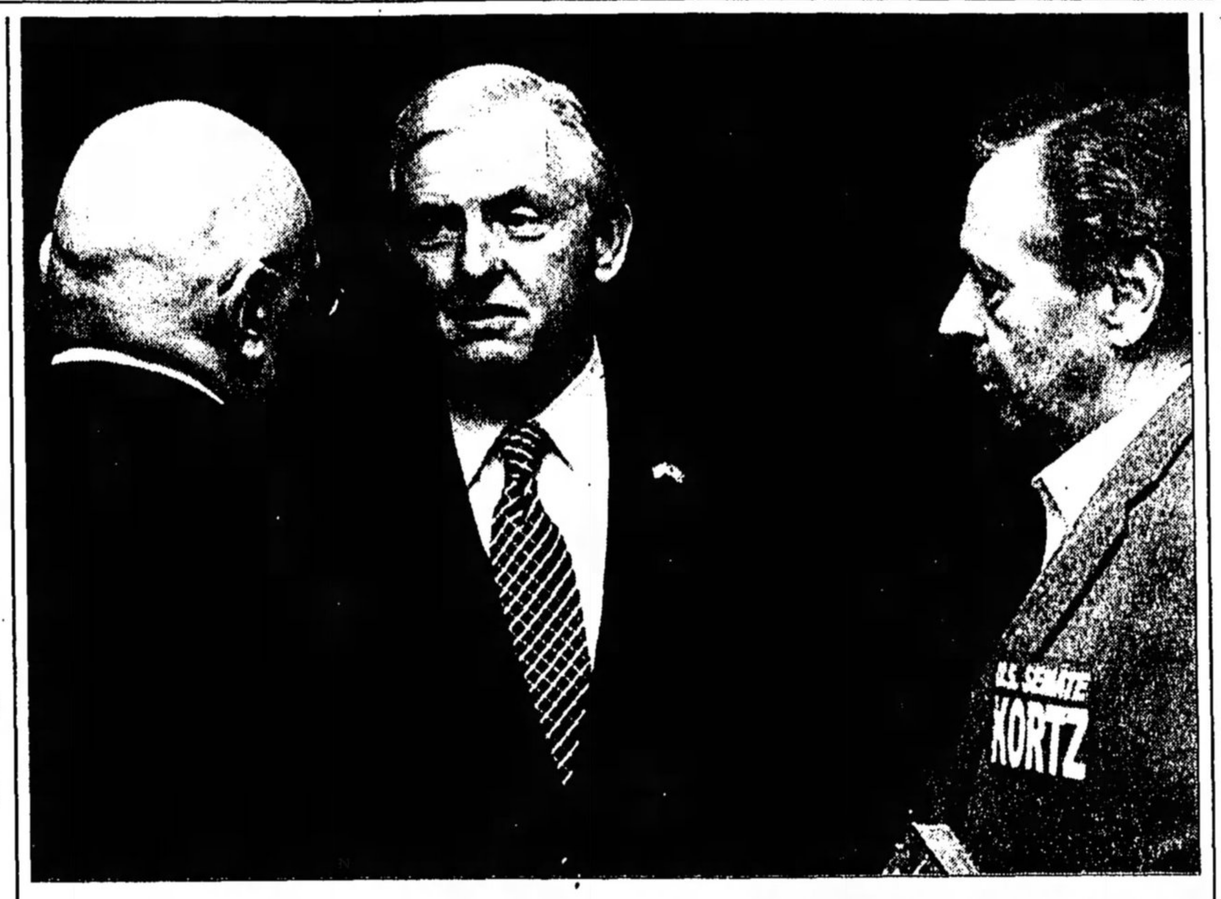
She says a good safety record from past vaccines bodes well for the swine flu vaccine now becoming available.

Schuchat says there's no problem associated with getting shots for both the swine flu and seasonal flu on the same day.

But federal health officials continue to recommend a three-week period between receiving the nasal versions of the vaccines.

Schuchat says vaccines remain the best way to protect children and adults from both strains of swine flu.

She appeared Sunday on CNN's weekly "State of the Union."

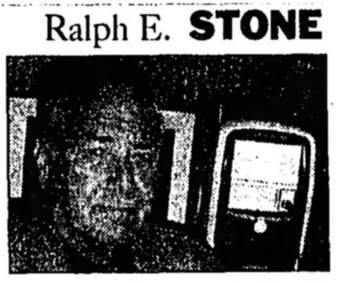


Guy Wathen/For The Valley Independent

State Auditor General Jack Wagner, who is running for governor, discusses the issues with Steve O'Donnell, left, a volunteer for state Rep. Bill Kortz, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Arlen Specter, and Mark Purcell, right, chief of staff for Kortz, on Sunday during an event in Belmont. (See Page 4A for details.)

Scholastic football described as another gem of our Valley

Ralph E. **STONE**



To refer to football as a Valley gem is perhaps an understatement.

It's more like our version of the Hope Diamond! .

From the day I was in Miss Baker's third grade classroom at Monessen's Iowa Elementary School, I learned that football has been a dominating force not only in Monessen but in the neighboring communities of Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela and Belle Vernon as well.

Each Friday evening when our Greyhounds played at home we kids would join forces and march up Rostraver Street to the sight that we looked upon as Monessen's Taj Mahal.

In reality. it was Monessen High School'd Memorial Stadium but to Greyhound fans of all ages it was the finest stadium around.

When our teenaged idols, clad in their classic black and white, ran onto the field, we were in awe of their athletic abilities and cheered our heroes on to what we hoped would be another Greyhound victory.

Up the road in Belle Vernon and across the river in Charleroi, Donora and Monongahela, the ritual was being repeated as loyal fans throughout the Mid-Mon Valley cheered on their high school warriors.

Those early years of Valley football were indeed a treat to any red-blooded fan.

The Big Five and then the Big Six not only touted the Greyhounds, Cougars, Dragons and Wildcats in their elite AA classification, but with them was the upstream powerhouse, the Brownsville Brownies, and either the Redstone team or, in some years, the down stream, Clairton Bears.

During that era, our Valley teams could and did compete with some of the greatest high school teams ever assembled on the green pastures that lit up our Friday nights.

Perhaps the finest of all those squads was our Valley's Donora teams of 1944-45 and 1945-46.

The Dragons were perfect during those two years as they copped the coveted WPIAL crown both seasons.

Those squads featured outstanding backfields that included such talented athletes as Arnold "Pope" Galiffa, who went on to gain All American fame as a quarterback at West Point; "Deacon" Dan Towler, who became an NFL leading ground gainer with the Los Angeles Rams and played in two pro bowls; Lou "Bimbo" Cecconi, who went on to become a Pitt Panther quarterback, earning nine letters at that school; Roscoe "the Rambler" Ross, one of the smoothest running backs this Valley has known, and the very popular Francis "Chip" DeFelicis, who still makes his home here in the Valley.

Those Dragon backfields were blessed with a solid crew of linemen, including Ernest "Pappy" Ross, Rudy Andabaker, Andy Lelik, Tom Buchiak, Ed Duda, Karl Pell, Stan Bolek, Harry Ostapowicz and Tom Ballaban.

I can remember vividly, as a wide eyed seventh grader, traveling to Donora's Legion Field on a Saturday afternoon for a gridiron encounter beyween that Dragon eleven and my beloved Greyhounds.

I was amazed to witness an outstanding black-and-orange clad team as they dominated a powerful Greyhound eleven. I could not believe my eyes when one of my own high school heroes, Billy "Mac the Bullet" Cumpson, was dragged down from behind by an even speedier "Deacon" Dan Towler.

The Dragons went on to win that game, 18-0, as they shut out each of the other Valley foes that season.

(See STONE, Page 9A)

Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Charleroi budget holds line on taxes - Charleroi Borough Council Thursday approved a tentative 2010 budget that holds the line on taxes at 42.15 mills.

The spending plan increases expenditures by just $346, roughly two months wort of salary for Mayor Frank Paterra, who receives $175 per month.

Resident Ken Scheponik asked if council is still paying the mayor, who was not present Thursday and has missed most council meetings this year.

According to borough records, Paterra has attended just two meetings this year. He has missed 22 of 24 work sessions, agenda and regular meetings combined this year, borough records indicated.

Paterra's name won't be on the ballot next month because he lost both party nominations to Council Vice President Nancy Ellis in the spring primary election.

Council President Mark Alterici said the mayor is not required to attend meetings. By law, council cannot rescind the mayor's pay, Alterici said.

Swine flu found in Monessen - The Monessen School District has confirmed its first case of the H1N1 flu, commonly known as swine flu.

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen said a student at the elementary center tested positive for Type 1 Influenza, which is being treated as swine flu.

Monessen is the second school district in the Mon Valley to have a confirmed case of the H1N1 virus.

In early September, the Ringgold School District had a rash of absences in the sixth grade due to the spread of a virus. One sixth grade student tested positive for H1N1 flu.

Students in primarily the sixth grade at the Finleyville school first began getting sick on Aug. 28 when 20 of the 262 students in the class were absent.

Absteneeism was not a problem in Monessen, Chelen said.

Rostraver residents rip selection process - Two Rostraver Township residents took issue Wednesday with how the board of commissioners filled a vacancy left by the recent death of Ralph Iacoboni.

Iacoboni, 57, died from cancer on Sept. 28 during his second year as a commissioner.

The board, by law, had 30 days from the time of death to appoint a new member.

At a meeting Wednesday, commissioners Nick Lorenzo, Brian Sokol, Tom Patterson and Pat Egros voted unanimously to appoint former commissioner and board chairman George A. Martin to fill Iacoboni's term, which expires Dec. 31, 2011.

When Lorenzo asked the board to name potential replacements, Martin's name was the only one nominated.

During public comment, resident Jack McShane said the commissioners should have advertised the vacancy.

Lorenzo said Martin contacted the four standing board members by letter and by phone earlier this week, expressing his interest in returning to the board.

Lorenzo said all of the commissioners agreed to appoint Martin and that there was no need to advertise.

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DEATH NOTICES

KLIMA — John B. "Red" Klima, 89, of West Brownsville, on Saturday, Oct. 10. Skirpan Funeral Home, Brownsville.*

LITSKY — Alvera M. Litsky, 74, of Donora, on Friday, Oct. 9. Paul Macik Funeral Home, Donora.*

LUBECKI — Benjamin B. Lubecki, 91, of Manchester, Mo., formerly of Belle Vernon, on Monday, Oct. 5. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

MIKLOS — Sofia Miklos, 97, of Charleroi, on Friday, Oct. 9. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

SOLDRIDGE — James H. Soldridge, 68, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Saturday, Oct. 10. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

SWART RYDEL — Beverly (Ullom) Swart Rydel, 75, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., formerly of Beallsville, on Friday, Sept. 18. Greenlee Funeral Home, Beallsville.

* See death notice

John B. "Red" Klima

West Brownsville

John B. (Red) Klima, 89, of West Brownsville, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009. He was born on July 15, 1920, in Allison, a son of the late Joseph and Katarina Sabol Klima. He was Catholic by faith and a member of the Historic Church of St. Peter of Brownsville. He was a former member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church where he served as an usher and president of the Holy Name Society. He served in World War II as a Merchant Marine. Mr. Klima was a member of the American Legion Post 295, U.M.W.A, and was retired after 35 years with the Vesta No. 5 mines. He coached Little League for many years, was an avid gardener, and past president of the local chapter of the National Slovak Society. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Susan Fabrick Klima; five children, George Klima and wife Gail of Rocky Mt., N.C., John Klima and wife Patty of Blainesburg, Jerry Klima of Uniontown, Dr. Mark Klima and wife Jill of State College, and Anita McMasters and husband Dave of Long Branch; grandchildren, Erica Miller and husband Josh, Breanne Schaum and fiance Dominic Cicchitto; great-grandsons, Brody Miller and Chase Cicchitto. Friends will be received in the SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St. Brownsville, on Monday from 2 to 8 p.m., where a prayer service will be held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m., in the Historic Church of St. Peter with the Rev. Father Vincent Gigliotti as celebrant. Interment will follow in Lafayette Memorial Park with full military rites accorded by American Legion posts 295, 940 and 838. A parish wake service will be held at the funeral home on Monday at 4 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Alvera M. Litsky

Donora

Alvera M. Litsky, 74, of Donora, passed away on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, at the Center of Compassionate Care in Mt. Lebanon. She was born Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1935, in Donora, the daughter of the late Andrew and Genevieve (Pykosh) Litsky. Alvera was a 1952 graduate of Donora High School and received her bachelor of science degree in education in 1955, and her masters of education degree in 1969, both from California University of Pennsylvania. She taught in the elementary schools of Ringgold for many years. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora, the Ringgold Education Association, P.S.E.A., N.E.A., Catholic Women's College Club, Valley of Hope Charismatic Prayer Group and the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Bogdan. Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Martha Litsky of Pickerington, Ohio; an aunt, Marie (Pykosh) Mrochek of Donora; a niece, nephews and cousins. Friends will be received on Monday, Oct. 12, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora, (724) 379-7000, where prayers will be recited Tuesday, Oct.13, at noon, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dominic Church of Our Lady of the Valley Parish at 12:30 p.m., with the Rev. Joseph Oppong as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Dominic Cemetery, Donora.

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Benjamin B. Lubecki

Manchester, Mo.

Formerly of

Belle Vernon

Benjamin B. Lubecki, 91, of Manchester, Mo., formerly of Belle Vernon, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, at 3:50 a.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Born Oct. 10, 1917, in Monessen, he was the son of the late Peter and Anna Peska Lubecki. A resident of Manchester for the past three years, Mr. Lubecki was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen, and was a retired mill wright from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Monessen Plant. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia Lubecki and Phil Smith of Sunnyvale, Calif.; three sons and their spouses, Ben and Linda Lubecki of Manchester, Mo., Rick and Beverly Lubecki of Belle Vernon, and Ray and Chuck Higgins Lubecki of Boston, Mass.; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Lubecki, Loriann Neighbors, Jimmy Lubecki, Lindsay Anness, Stacey Sanders, and Teri Smith; eight great- grandchildren, Jacob Lubecki, Kayla Lubecki, Benjamin Lucier, Sadie Jo Lucier, Lauryn Lubecki, Stephen Sanders, Cassie Sanders, and Nicholas Lubecki; a brother, Edward Lubecki of Erie; and a sister-in-law, Lucilla Lubecki of Dayton, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve Belczyk Lubecki on Jan. 16, 2006; and by two brothers, Thaddeus and Walter Lubecki. Private family visitation and funeral services were held in the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724) 929-6183, with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor of St. Sebastian Church. Interment took place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Sofia Miklos

Charleroi

Sofia Miklos, 97, of Charleroi, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, in Thorpes New Dawn Personal Care Home. She was born Jan. 22, 1912, a daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Filo Miklos. Miss Miklos was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church in Charleroi and the Sokol Society. Surviving are two nieces, Donna Miklos Held of Ohio and Elizabeth "Libby" Miklos of Virginia; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by three nephews, Norman, Ray and Ronald "Mirt" Miklos. Friends will be received Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m., followed by a blessing service at 10:30 a.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, Inc. 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Online condolences are being accepted at www.schrock-hogan.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

James H. Soldridge

Belle Vernon

(Rostraver Township)

James H. Soldridge, 68, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at 11:45 p.m. at Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Born May 26, 1941, in North Whitehall Township, he was the son of the late Frank and Angela Bult Soldridge. A resident of Rostraver Township for the past 10 years, Mr. Soldridge was a self accomplished musician. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served with the U.S. Marine Corps Band, member of the Opplinger Hower Post 899 American Legion, Walnut Port, Pa., Veterans of the Foreign Wars of United States, Egypt, Pa., Belle Vernon Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 209, Naomi Club and the Fairhope Rod and Gun Club. He was a self taught accordion musician since 1962, and received many awards promoting European-American music. He was also a radio disc jockey in Wheeling, W.Va. He is survived by a very dear friend, Judy Stringhill of Belle Vernon; three daughters, Jessica Rotz, Jill Eustice, Jean Wetzer, and two sons James Soldridge Jr. and Stephen Kratzer, all of Allentown; three brothers Robert, Frank and Paul Soldridge, all of the Allentown area; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Soldridge Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon 724-929-6183, followed by prayer service at 7:45 p.m. Additional visitation will take place at the Robert A. Hauke Funeral Home Inc., Coplay, Pa., followed with interment in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Whitehall. Loyal Order of Moose Belle Vernon Lodge 209 will conduct services Tuesday at 6 p.m. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

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Wagner calls for cutting state government costs

State auditor general takes his gubernatorial campaign to Westmoreland Democrats.

By LIZ ZEMBA

For The Valley Independent

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Maintaining vital services without raising taxes, transforming Pennsylvania into an energy leader, and lowering the cost of higher education are among state Auditor General Jack Wagner's top priorities, if elected governor.

Wagner cited those three priorities during an interview Sunday night prior to an appearance before the Westmoreland County Democratic Committee at its fall banquet. Wagner was among a number of Democratic candidates for various local and state offices who were expected to address the committee at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont.

A Democrat from Pittsburgh's Beechview neighborhood, Wagner is one in a crowded field seeking the Democratic nomination for governor in 2010. Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, who also attended last night's dinner; Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty; Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Hoeffel; and retired Philadelphia businessman Tom Knox have said they're in the race.

Wagner last night said he will draw on his two terms as auditor general to find ways to maintain services without raising taxes.

"In this recession we're in, it puts more emphasis on government to make sure it's properly utilizing its resources," Wagner said. "In other words, you can't increase taxes, but you still need to provide quality services. We have been doing thousands of audits of state government as auditor general, looking at government from the inside out, and I firmly believe there are hundreds of ways to reduce state government and still keep providing dollars to very necessary programs."

Tapping into the state's energy resources responsibly, Wagner said, is another priority.

"We have a magnificent opportunity with the Marcellus shale gas wells, but at the same time, we have to make sure we go about it in an environmentally sensitive way," Wagner said.

A third priority, Wagner said, would be to make higher education affordable. He would push for the state to adopt a scholarship program, similar to ones found in other states, that reduce tuition costs for any student attending a state or private college, university, or vocational-technical program.

Wagner last night acknowledged the state's next governor will face the same fiscal problems that resulted in the budget stalemate. He said he would work to prevent a repeat.

"Do I think the next couple of years will be difficult?" Wagner said. "Yes. But it requires bipartisan communication and cooperation, and that has to begin very early in the budget process to make sure you don't run over."

VALLEY POLICE LOG

State police, Greensburg

■ Alisha Farkas, 19, of Sutersville, suffered moderate injuries as a result of a one-vehicle crash that occurred 6 a.m. Friday on Mars Hill Road in Sewickley Township.

According to state police, Farkas lost control of her vehicle on a curve, struck an embankment and the vehicle flipped over.

State police, Uniontown

■ Adrienne Young, 27, of Roscoe, was charged with retail theft after an incident approximately 11:40 p.m. Thursday at Sheetz in South Union Township.

Monongahela

■ Todd William Sawicky, 27, of 513 Hudson Ave., Monongahela, was charged with DUI approximately 8 p.m. Sept. 24 on Route 88 and West Main Street.

■ Bradley Robert Nagy, 25, of 618 Fourth St., Monongahela, and Leslie Wilson, 26, of 602 Geary St., Monongahela, were cited for disorderly conduct 7 p.m. Sept. 19 as a result of a domestic dispute.

Irish singer of 'Boyzone' dead at 33

Stephen Gately died of unknown causes while visiting Spanish island of Mallorca.

By The Associated Press

PORT D'ANDRATX, Mallorca — Stephen Gately, a singer with the Irish boy band Boyzone who made headlines when he came out as gay a decade ago, died Saturday.

He was 33.

Gately died while visiting the island of Mallorca in Spain, the band said in a brief statement.

The cause of death was not immediately clear.

Gerald Kean, a Gately family friend in Ireland, said Sunday the singer died of natural causes, without identifying them.

Kean said an autopsy was expected to be conducted Tuesday.

Gately and his partner Andrew Cowles, who were wed in a civil union in 2006, were in Mallorca together, the band's statement said.

Boyzone was a U.K. hitmaker in the 1990s and announced a comeback tour at the end of last year.

Gately also had released several solo singles and appeared in stage musicals, including "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

He revealed his sexual orientation to a British newspaper in 1999.

Boyzone was one of the biggest acts to come out of Ireland in the 1990s.

Boyzone sold millions of records and topped the British charts with six No. 1 singles during the 1990s, including "All That I Need" and a cover of the Bee Gees' "Words."

The group was formed in 1993 by impresario Louis Walsh, who conducted for Ireland's first boy band.

Instructor dead, students hurt in school bus accident in Idaho

INKOM, Idaho (AP) — A bus carrying a celebrated Utah high school band swerved off an Idaho interstate and crashed on its side, killing an instructor and injuring multiple students.

Police identified the person killed in the Saturday wreck as 33-year-old Heather Christensen of Spanish Fork, Utah, a woodwind instructor for the American Fork High School band.

The band was returning from a competition in Pocatello when the crash occurred at about 7 p.m. MDT on Interstate 15, about two miles north of McCammon and 50 miles north of the Utah border.

Two students were rushed by helicopter to the Portneuf Regional Medical Center in Pocatello. Another 12 students went by ambulance with serious injuries, and 30 were taken to the Pocatello hospital by bus with minor injuries.

Only one student remained in the hospital Sunday evening, and she was expected to be released today, hospital spokesman Brad Huerta told The Associated Press.

Police on Sunday also released the name of the bus driver, who remained hospitalized in stable condition. She is Debra Jarvis, 50, of Spanish Fork, Utah. Police said blood and urine samples were taken, as is customary in fatal accidents. The result will likely take weeks.

"We're trying to figure out why the bus went off the road," said Capt. Eric Dayley of the Idaho State Police in Pocatello. A phone call Sunday to Lake Shore Motor Coach Lines in Provo, the charter company that owns the bus that crashed, was unanswered.

John Miller, the band's director, was on a different bus but said he was told Christensen saw the driver slump over and leaped up to grab the wheel. He said Christensen's actions likely kept the crash from being even worse.

"She was doing what she loved — helping kids," Miller said.

Members of the band met Sunday with Miller and his staff at the school to discuss the accident and whether they would participate in a Tuesday competition at Brigham Young University in Provo. A public memorial was to be held at the school gym after Miller and the students met.

"Considering everything, they're doing wonderful," Miller said. "They just had a really tough night last night."

Miller said 54 studen s were on the bus that crashed.

Equity firm founder dies at 78

NEW YORK (AP) — Lionel Pincus, founder and chairman of New York-based private equity firm Warburg Pincus, has died. He was 78.

Pincus died around midnight Saturday in his Manhattan home after a long illness, according to a spokesman for his longtime partner, Princess Firyal of Jordan.

Pincus founded Warburg Pincus in 1966. Since then the firm has invested more than $29 billion in more than 600 companies.

It holds stakes in a variety of companies including Fidelity National Information Services Inc., which processes financial transactions; Nuance Communications Inc., which makes speech recognition software, educational company Bridgepoint Education Inc., and drug developer Inspire Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Before founding Warburg Pincus, he was a partner of Ladenburg Thalmann & Co.

He was also a founding director of the National Venture Capital Association and is Chair Emeritus of the Trustees of Columbia University and a member of the Columbia Business School Board of Overseers.

He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and held an M.B.A. degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 12

Today is Monday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2009. There are 80 days left in the year. This is Columbus Day in the United States, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight:

On Oct. 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

On this date:

■ In 1870, Gen. Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

■ In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans in occupied Belgium during World War I.

■ In 1918, the Cloquet Fire erupted in Minnesota, claiming some 450 lives.

■ In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

■ In 1949, Eugenie Anderson was nominated by President Harry S. Truman to be the U.S. ambassador to Denmark; she became the first American woman to hold an ambassadorship.

■ In 1960, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupted a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe when a speaker criticized his country.

■ In 1968, the Summer Games of the 19th Olympiad officially opened in Mexico City. Equatorial Guinea became independent of Spain.

■ In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

■ In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the U.S. destroyer Cole in Yemen.

■ In 2002, a bomb blamed on Islamic militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, many of them foreign tourists.

■ **Ten years ago**: Pakistan's military overthrew the democratically elected government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. Ahmed H. Zewail of the California Institute of Technology won the Nobel Prize for chemistry; Dutch scientists Gerardus 't Hooft and Martinus J.G. Veltman won the Nobel Prize for physics.

■ **Five years ago**: A jury in Baton Rouge, La., took 80 minutes to find suspected serial killer Derrick Todd Lee guilty of first-degree murder in the death of 22-year-old Charlotte Murray Pace. (Lee was later sentenced to death for Pace's killing.) The Seattle Storm won their first WNBA title with a 74-60 victory over the Connecticut Sun.

■ **One year ago**: Global finance ministers meeting in Washington kept searching for ways to tackle the unfolding financial crisis; in Paris, nations in Europe's single-currency zone agreed to temporarily guarantee bank refinancing and pledged to prevent bank failures.

Associated Press

Gay rights advocates march past the White House on Sunday, when thousands of gay rights supporters marched from the White House to the Capitol, demanding that President Barack Obama keep his promises to allow gays to serve openly in the military and work to end discrimination against gays.

Cast of 'Hair' participates in DC's gay rights march

Marchers want Obama to keep his promises to allow gays to serve openly in the military.

By BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A matinee Broadway stage went dark Sunday.

Twenty cast members from the musical "Hair," led by the show's star, Gavin Creel, were more interested in the political stage in Washington, joining tens of thousands demanding equal rights for gays and lesbians.

They marched from the White House to the Capitol, demanding that President Barack Obama keep his promises to allow gays to serve openly in the military and work to end discrimination against gays.

"I take him at his word," the 33-year-old Creel said after the march. "This is just the beginning."

Rainbow flags and homemade signs dotted the crowds that filled Pennsylvania Avenue for several blocks past the White House. People chanted "Hey, Obama, let mama marry mama" and "We're out, we're proud, we won't back down."

Many children were among the protesters. A few counter-protesters also joined the crowd.

The "Hair" cast members weren't the only stars to show. Cynthia Nixon, from HBO's "Sex and the City," who hopes to marry partner Christine Marinoni next year, told the crowd to big cheers that Obama's words are not enough.

"The right sentiment just isn't enough anymore," she said on the stage at the Capitol.

Some participants in the National Equality March woke up energized by Obama's blunt pledge to end the ban on gays serving openly in the military during a speech Saturday to the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights group.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Sunday that Congress will need to muster the resolve to change the "don't ask, don't tell policy" — a change that the military may be ready for.

"I think it has to be done in the right way, which is to get a buy-in from the military, which I think is now possible," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

For Lt. Dan Choi, that may not come soon enough.

A West Point graduate, Arabic speaker and Iraq war veteran, Choi is facing discharge under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy for revealing in March that he is gay.

He appeared later at the rally in his Army uniform and a piece of black tape over his mouth.

"Many of us have been discharged from the service because we told the truth," he said.

"But I know that love is worth it."

Judy Shepard, whose son Matthew was killed when he was 21 because he was gay, has advocated for rights and pressed for a federal hate crimes law.

Obama said a hate crimes bill will pass through Congress soon and he will sign it.

"The president made wonderful promises to us," Shepard said. "I think he will keep them, but he can't do it alone."

March organizer Cleve Jones, creator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and a protege of gay rights pioneer Harvey Milk, said he had initially discouraged a rally earlier in the year. But he and others began to worry Obama and Democrats in Congress were backing away from their campaign promises.

"Since we've seen that so many times before, I didn't want it to happen again," he said.

Pop singer Lady Gaga got the biggest cheers on stage. She didn't perform but pledged to reject homophobia in the music industry and support her "most beautiful gay fans in the world."

Unlike the first march in 1979 and others in 1987, 1993 and 2000 that included celebrity performances and drew as many as 500,000 people, this protest was driven by grass roots efforts.

Washington authorities don't disclose crowd estimates at rallies, though it appeared to number in the tens of thousands, overflowing from the Capitol lawn.

Keynote speaker Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP, firmly linked the gay rights struggle to the Civil Rights movement, saying gays and lesbians should be free from discrimination.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Clinton downplays threat to nukes

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday the Taliban siege of Pakistan's army headquarters showed extremists are a growing threat in the nuclear-armed American ally, but she contended they don't pose a risk to the country's atomic arsenal.

Clinton, in London on the second leg of a five-day tour of Europe and Russia, also joined British Foreign Secretary David Miliband in warning Iran that they would not wait long for the Islamic republic to convince the world that its nuclear intentions are peaceful.

Before stops in Ireland and Northern Ireland, Clinton pledged continued U.S. support for the Northern Irish peace process and said those who continued to exacerbate tension and violence "are out of step and out of time."

With her British counterpart, Clinton said there was nothing to suggest that Pakistan's nuclear weapons could fall into terrorist hands despite Saturday's audacious Taliban attack on the army headquarters in Rawalpindi that highlighted security weaknesses.

Clinton said extremists were "increasingly threatening the authority of the state, but we see no evidence that they are going to take over the state. We have confidence in the Pakistani government and military's control over nuclear weapons."

China producing too much garbage

ZHANGLIDONG, China (AP) — Visitors can smell this village long before they see it.

More than 100 dump trucks piled high with garbage line the narrow road leading to Zhanglidong, waiting to empty their loads in a landfill as big as 20 football fields.

In less than five years, the Zhengzhou Comprehensive Waste Treatment Landfill has overwhelmed this otherwise pristine village of about 1,000 people. Peaches and cherries rot on trees, infested with insect life drawn by the smell. Fields lie unharvested, contaminated by toxic muck. Every day, another 100 or so tons of garbage arrive from nearby Zhengzhou, a provincial capital of 8 million.

"Life here went from heaven to hell in an instant," says lifelong resident Wang Xiuhua, swatting away clouds of mosquitoes and flies. The 78-year-old woman suddenly coughs uncontrollably and says the landfill gases inflame her bronchitis.

As more Chinese ride the nation's economic boom, a torrent of garbage is one result. Cities are bursting at the seams, and their officials struggle to cope.

The amount of paper, plastic and other garbage has more than tripled in two decades to about 300 million tons a year, according to Nie Yongfeng, a waste management expert at Beijing's Tsinghua University.

Palestinians want war crimes report

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Sunday he is pushing for a vote on a United Nation's report that accuses both Israel and Hamas of war crimes during the Gaza war, reversing a decision that has left him at the lowest point of his presidency.

Also on Sunday, Washington's special Mideast envoy wrapped up his latest round of shuttle diplomacy in the region, again having failed to persuade Israelis and Palestinians to resume peace talks.

Abbas' renewed push for a vote on the war crimes report in the U.N. Human Rights Council reverses his decision earlier this month to delay voting for six months.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $575,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's game.

Lottery officials said 61 players matched four numbers and won $396 each; 2,627 players matched three numbers and won $15.50 each; and 34,928 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers in Sunday evening's drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 15-26-34-39-41.

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Tuesday, October 20, 6-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

Nursing–Commissioners Hall
Tuesday, October 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

Dental Assisting/Medical Assisting/ Phlebotomy & Specimen Processing–Science Hall
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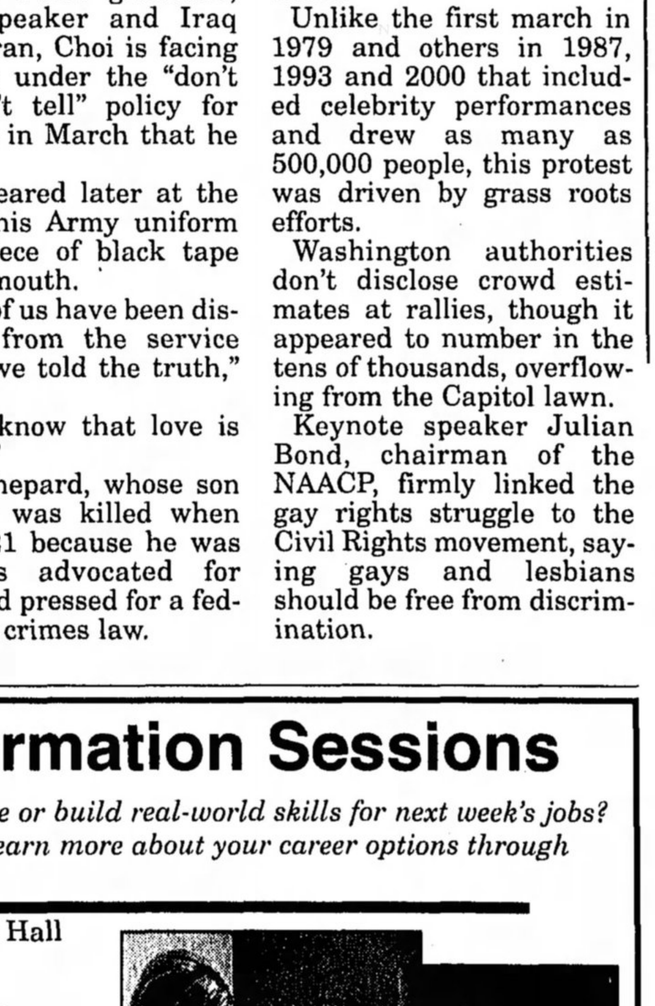

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PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	7-8-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-5-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	4-6-0-0
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	1-1-9-1
QUINTO:	4-9-2-7-3
QUINTO:	3-3-0-6-9
TREASURE HUNT:	2-5-11-19-31
CASH 5:	4-12-20-29-39
POWERBALL:	13-32-45-49-50
Powerball:	30 Powerplay: 3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	3-9-5 5-0-3
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-2-4-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-5-7-6
QUINTO:	6-1-5-5-9
QUINTO:	5-1-1-7-4
TREASURE HUNT:	1-3-5-6-25
CASH 5:	15-26-34-39-41

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 2009

DAY PICK 3:	5-6-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-5-3
DAY PICK 4:	1-6-6-8
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-3-3-7
ROLLING CASH 5:	3-19-32-34-35
CLASSIC LOTTO:	5-8-9-26-34-39

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

DAILY 3:	3-4-5
DAILY 4:	5-0-6-9
HOT LOTTO:	18-19-30-32-39 HB 16

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OUR OPINION

Columbus Day still worth celebrating

THANK GOODNESS for Christopher Columbus. On this day we wholeheartedly celebrate the renowned explorer whose courage and conviction defied provincial thinking and opened up a new world to the vast possibilities of mankind's ingenuity.

It's a celebration as well of man's indomitable spirit and unrelenting drive, even against great adversity, to advance beyond the conventional, to put aside superstitions — and to achieve something astounding.

Writes Thomas A. Bowden of The Ayn Rand Center for Individual Rights, "Thus, the deeper meaning of Columbus Day is to celebrate the rational core of Western civilization, which flourished in the New World like a pot-bound plant liberated from its confining shell, demonstrating to the world what greatness is possible to man at his best."

Of course, do-nothings who reap from what Columbus sowed half a millennium ago vehemently denounce him as a blood-savage conqueror — and do so quite eloquently. Which suggests who knew how to advance civilization — and who obviously didn't.

"Is there anything more insane than holding ancient people to moral standards that hadn't been invented yet ... holding modern people responsible for the acts of ancients who didn't know any better," notes libertarian L. Neil Smith.

Fortunately, today we do know better.

Happy Columbus Day!

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ANOTHER VIEW

The Forum, Fargo, N.D., on presidential criticism:

The braying from the anti-Obama contingent of the right is beginning to look like a replay of the rude left's nonstop criticism of President George W. Bush. But no matter where it comes from — or which president is the target — it's vapid partisan claptrap.

Republicans with average memories certainly will recall the nonsense spewed by the left when President Bush took a vacation to his Texas ranch when foreign and domestic issues were boiling over: two wars, the economy, Iran, North Korea.

The president's adversaries suggested he was out of touch because he was at the ranch rather than in the Oval Office. It was nonsense.

Not to be outdone, the vacuous right is using the left's playbook to beat up on President Barack Obama by proclaiming he has too much on his plate and can't possibly give two wars, the economy, health care reform, Iran and North Korea the proper attention.

After all, didn't the president waste time making a pitch for Chicago to host the 2016 Summer Olympics? Since the games will go to Rio de Janeiro, time and effort were wasted, said his political adversaries. To be sure, they'd be blaming him for the loss had he not gone to Copenhagen. And what if Chicago had won? The criticism is silly.

Presidents can walk and chew gum at the same time — something many presidential critics have yet to master. Bush and Obama clearly inhabit vastly different political realms, but both understand the pressures and complexities of the job.

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Faux fiscal restraint

Rich **LOWRY**

Sen. Max Baucus is the David Blaine of the Senate. In a world-class act of contortion, he stuffed his version of ObamaCare beneath $1 trillion over 10 years and twisted it into a deficit-reduction measure.

The bill stacks rickety assumptions atop political improbabilities, but the Congressional Budget Office says, on paper, it costs "only" $829 billion and reduces the deficit by $81 billion over the next decade. This is enough to garner headlines hailing its fiscal responsibility. By the standards of hurry-up-and-spend Washington, $829 billion is the new affordable.

But it is deficit reduction that only spendthrifts could love. Looked at another way, the Baucus bill finds $910 billion worth of spending reductions and tax increases, and spends all but $81 billion of it. On its own terms, it takes the debt that will be accumulated in the next 10 years from $7.14 trillion all the way down to $7.06 trillion. Surely, Suze Orman would not approve.

Even if the Baucus bill could be taken at face value — and it can't. Its drafters cleverly worked with the academic enterprise of the CBO evaluation in mind. The bill slowly phases in its subsidies (just $8 billion in 2013, exploding to $180 billion in 2019) so they will be offset by the more front-loaded tax increases and spending cuts in the initial 10 years.

Then there are the spending cuts themselves. They are firmly within the tradition of Ronald Reagan's infamous "magic asterisk," denoting future unspecified savings. The Baucus bill is quite specific — it will supposedly cut Medicare provider rates by nearly 25 percent in 2011 — but wholly unrealistic. The promised Medicare reductions are budgetary leprechauns, fodder for fools and the self-deluding.

The last time Congress said it was going to impose drastic across-the-board Medicare cuts, in the 1997 budget deal, it lost its will almost immediately. Not delivering on mandatory Medicare cuts is practically an annual rite. Since the 1990s, a "sustainable growth rate" formula has been written in law to keep Medicare spending from outstripping the growth of the overall economy, which it always does. Congress invariably defers the cut.

It's against this backdrop that the Baucus bill undertakes to squeeze $100 billion of savings annually (!) out of Medicare and Medicaid by 2019. In the most polite and understated bureaucratic language, the CBO expresses its doubt: "These projections assume that the proposals are enacted and remain unchanged throughout the next two decades, which is often not the case for major legislation." In other words: We know that you know we know this is a charade.

In fact, once real-world political pressures are considered, the bill is a fiscal time bomb. Its premier tax increase, an excise tax on insurers offering expensive insurance plans, will simply be passed along to consumers. It is structured so that, as health-care costs increase, more insurance plans will meet the threshold for taxation, and more middle-class families will be affected. Over time, pressure for relief from its growing bite will likely become irresistible.

On the spending side, the Baucus bill offers generous insurance subsidies only to a tightly limited group of people who don't already have employer-provided coverage. As James Capretta of the Ethics and Public Policy Center writes, "CBO's assessment of the Baucus bill is built on the dubious assumption that Congress can hand out a lucrative new entitlement to a limited number of low- and moderate-income voters while denying it to tens of millions of others."

If the Medicare cuts won't materialize, and the revenues won't grow as expected, and the subsidies (already projected to grow at 8 percent per year) will expand, the Baucus bill is merely the thin wedge of another out-of-control entitlement. We already have several of those, and already are slated to run $1 trillion annual deficits before the advent of a new one. The Baucus bill is faux fiscal restraint on the road to budgetary Armageddon.

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I'D LIKE TO SAY WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO ACCEPT THIS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR BRINGING VARIOUS PEOPLES TOGETHER...
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G# BAILOUTS! STIMULUS!

CIA, GOP, Obama vs. 'facts'

Nat **HENTOFF**

On the wall of CIA headquarters is this challenging message from the New Testament: "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Veering sharply from this acknowledgment was the demand sent to the Obama administration by seven former CIA directors (Washington Post, Sept. 18) that Attorney General Eric Holder stop his preliminary investigation of fewer than 10 cases in which CIA interrogators of terrorism suspects may have exceeded Justice Department guidelines.

Joining such former CIA heads as George Tenet and Michael Hayden in their conviction that national security will be damaged by further chilling CIA interrogators' effectiveness (because of more investigations) were six Republican members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, who declared (Washington Post, Sept. 26) "that they will no longer participate in an investigation into the Bush administration's interrogation policies" by that Senate committee.

The alarmed Republican senators agree with President Obama's pledge to "look forward, not backward." But, on the other hand, along with the indignant former CIA directors, these senators, like many other congressional Republicans, disagree with Abraham Lincoln's currently unfashionable principle:

"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts."

Agreeing with Lincoln's confidence in "We the People," 12 former intelligence officers and analysts sent a letter (Common Dreams, Sept. 28) to Obama in "strong support for Attorney General Eric Holder's authorization of a wider investigation into CIA interrogation. We respectfully disagree with the direct appeal to you by seven former CIA directors to quash that wider investigation."

These dissenting truth-seekers included CIA veterans going back to the regime of CIA Director Allen Dulles, which began in 1953. They cite the recently released explosive 2004 investigation by former CIA Inspector General John Helgerson, showing "the role of CIA directors in issuing orders that led to inappropriate behavior, and their failure to hold officers accountable."

This dereliction of duty at the top of the CIA, say the 12 alumni of the intelligence services, "helped create the environment in which abuses occurred."

It's no wonder that the seven former CIA directors are insistent that there be no investigations of the shadowy past. Indeed, the 12 former intelligence professionals fully understand the objections of the CIA chiefs, telling President Obama in their letter to him:

"Among the former CIA directors who ... asked you to 'reverse' the attorney general's decision are some who were cognizant of and involved in decisions that led to the abuses in question. We find that troubling."

So should President Obama be troubled.

This is hardly the first time we hear whistleblowers with extensive experience within the CIA. Inspector General Helgerson credited troubled CIA agents for telling him of their concerns as he was researching his 2004 report. And Shane Harris, in revealing "No More Secrets in Langley?" (National Journal, Sept. 26), confirms that:

"Throughout 2003, investigators in the inspector general's office reviewed more than two year's worth of the CIA's interrogation activities, interviewing officers who feared their actions would be exposed publicly and that they would face criminal prosecution and abandonment by their bosses."

The Helgerson report added: "A number of agency officers expressed unsolicited concern about the possibility of incrimination or legal action resulting from their participation. A number of officers expressed concern that a human-rights group might pursue them," and one of them feared being hauled before the World Court on charges of having been involved on war crimes. And, if that dreaded day came, they believed "the agency would not stand behind them."

I hope that some brave person high in the Obama administration will show Obama the Shane Harris article, "No More Secrets in Langley?" which — after citing the New Testament's adjuration on the wall of CIA headquarters that the "truth shall make you free" — notes:

"The CIA has never been exclusively interested in truth. But it has survived this long by knowing it (the truth), and often by being the only one to know it. Those days are over."

Among the many resounding, continually contemporary quotes from Justice Louis Brandeis through decades, the most famous — and one that President Obama cannot continue to escape — is: "Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

Brandeis also continually reminds us: "Those who won our independence through revolution were not cowards. ... They did not exalt order at the cost of liberty."

And the Founders certainly did not fear looking backward. Nor should "We The People of the United States."

NEWS

WEDDINGS

DeMartino-Zdilla

Amy Marie DeMartino and Dr. Michael James Zdilla were married May 8 in St. Thomas a Becket Church in Pleasant Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Laura and Nick DeMartino, of Pleasant Hills. The groom is the son of Suzanne and Jim Zdilla, of Belle Vernon.

The Rev. Robert Seeman, pastor, and the Rev. Lawrence Manchas, of St. Sebastian Church, concelebrated the 2 p.m. Nuptial Mass.

Organist, Jerry Lucarelli and soloists Donna Horcick and Dr. Matthew Zdilla provided music for the ceremony.

Nicole DeMartino, of Robinson Township, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

The following served as bridesmaids: Robyn Zdilla, of Upper St. Clair, and Noelle O'Bryan, of Canonsburg, sisters of the groom; Nicole Jackson, of Butler; Tiffany Potts, of New Jersey; and Sheena Sullivan, of Philadelphia.

Amy and Dr. Michael Zdilla

Matthew Zdilla, of West Liberty, W.Va., served as his brother's best man.

The following served as groomsmen: Dr. Jeb Albro, of Seneca Falls, N.Y.; Edward Essey, of Seattle; Dr. Mark Grisko, of Cleveland; Brian Nogy, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Timothy Stevenson, of Sewickly.

Noelle and Kevin O'Bryan provided Liturgical readings. Samuel and Jude O'Bryan, nephews of the groom, provided offertory gifts.

A reception took place at the Crowne Plaza, Upper St. Clair.

The bride is a Thomas Jefferson High School graduate. She received a bachelor of science degree in management information systems from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is director of pilot training and software support for Corporate Air LLC.

The groom, a Belle Vernon Area High School graduate, received a bachelor of science degree in natural science from the University of Pittsburgh.

He received a doctorate from New York Chiropractic College and owns Zdilla Family Chiropractic in North Belle Vernon.

The couple's honeymoon was to Aruba. The couple lives in Jefferson Hills.

Ladies, from left, seated, Carol Todd Griger, Diana Stark Greco, Darleen Yolk Catalina, Vivian Jones Horner, Gerri Daittilio Evich, Patty Torhan Link, Janie Koehler Kemp, Jeannie Eisenberg Biffoni, Anita Valesko Weiss and Marjorie Bozik Crise; standing, Rosemary Sala Dunyak, Vonetta Long Engle, Carol Matthews Kabay; Patty Murray Bunting, Patty Mares Urbanik, Dottie Kovacik Roncace, Margie Gillman Butler, Lillian Orange Spak, Vera Boncarosky Hays, Carole Grazzini Kuzemka, Dorothy Ritchie Stanley, Gloria Mendarino Backstom and Pauline Verduci Law; and men, seated, Bernie Dunyak, Lou Mongelluzzo, Eugene Stefko, George Ceryak, Lee Zandanel, Dante Borino, Francis D'Egidio, Ricardo Fernandez, Frank Kaczmarek and Frank Marflak; standing, Jerry Osiol, Jimmy Smith, John Devlin, John Roncace, Ron Duda, Tommy Urbanik, Connie Wojciechowski, Nick Kuzemka, Ron Mandzok, Jim Totedo, Eli Ruben, Teddy Costa, Henry Burney, Tom Stacey, Dr. James Duda, Dr. Charles Steinmeyer, Tom Iaquinta, Andy Lario and James Crawford.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wilsons mark silver anniversary

Scott and Dawn Wilson, of Monongahela, celebrated their silver anniversary at a surprise party.

Maurice (Reese) and Grace Vestrat, parents of the bride, and Brett and Jacob Wilson, sons of the couple, planned the event.

The party took place Sept. 28 at the Vestrat residence.

A buffet dinner was served on antique depression glass.

Among other gifts, the couple received a silver music box that plays the "Anniversary Waltz," a gift given to the Vestrats on their 25th anniversary.

The Wilsons were married Sept. 23, 1984, at the Monongahela Free Methodist Church with the Rev. William Bailey officiating.

Dawn and Scott Wilson

Scott Wilson, the son of Alfred and Sheryl Wilson, is a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Uniontown. Dawn Wilson is a treasurer at the Monongahela Free Methodist Church.

Donora Class of '59 golden

The Donora High School Class of 1959 celebrated its 50-year reunion at the Four Points by Sheraton Greensburg.

The three-day event started with a buffet dinner Sept. 18. Deacon James Crawford provided an invocation. The evening was spent renewing old acquaintances.

The class reunion took lace Sept. 19 with a sit-down dinner. Pauline Verduci Law provided an invocation. Rosemary Sala Dunyak provided a welcome.

The group enjoyed a program planned by the committee and led by master of ceremonies Tom Stacey. The organizers presented door prizes, souvenirs and class booklets to each class member. Francis D'Egidio conducted a brief class meeting. Carol Todd Griger led a memorial program as 31 white balloons were released in memory of deceased classmates. Dr. Charles Stacey was the honored guest.

The memorabilia table featured many items including photos, a cheerleading jacket, orange and black pom-pons, penny candy and a DVD of the class graduation held at Legion Field. Everyone enjoyed stepping back and reliving special moments.

A farewell breakfast took place Sept. 20.

The class plans to meet in two years to celebrate its collective 70th birthday and again in 2014 for its 55-year reunion.

The reunion drew people from Virginia, Michigan, West Virginia, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, Indiana, California, Colorado, Ohio, North Carolina and various places in Pennsylvania.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

CCM, Women's Guild

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Women's Guild at Mary, Mother of the Church met in October at Marian Hall.

President Adeline Povich welcomed the members. Theresa Altemara presented the secretary's report, Rose McManus presented a finance report and Donna Mocilan read cards and thank-you notes.

Mary Elizabeth Fisher read from the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' notebook. Margie Pankiewicz said it was the Feast of the Holy Rosary and led Rosary prayers.

Pankiewicz read interesting quips and brightened the evening with a bird flu and a swine flu story.

Plans are under way for the Nov. 1 card party, co-chaired by McManus and Mary LaCarte. Tickets should be returned by Oct. 15. Baskets are being prepared including a wine basket, Lotto jar, and a candy basket. A Chinese auction is under way. Members should set up the card party Oct. 30 and drop off jello and cakes 10 a.m. Oct. 31. Marlene Calcek is in charge of the kitchen.

The next confraternity meeting will be Nov. 10, the second Tuesday, because elections are scheduled in Marion Hall on the first Tuesday.

A pie sale is scheduled Nov. 21-22 after Masses.

The group chose Smitty's for the Christmas party, which will take place 6 p.m. Dec. 1.

Pankiewicz presented gifts from the confraternity to the following women celebrating October birthdays: Libby Romito, Mary Elizabeth Fisher and Janet Sacan. Fisher received the extra gift.

Bonnie Mannerino, Mocilan, Helen Geho and Altemara received evening prizes.

Povich read petitions and recited a poem titled "Thank You Jesus." Romito gave her the poem.

Mary Rosick and her group hosted the meeting. Cheryl Senko and Tina Rossi will host the Nov. 10 meeting.

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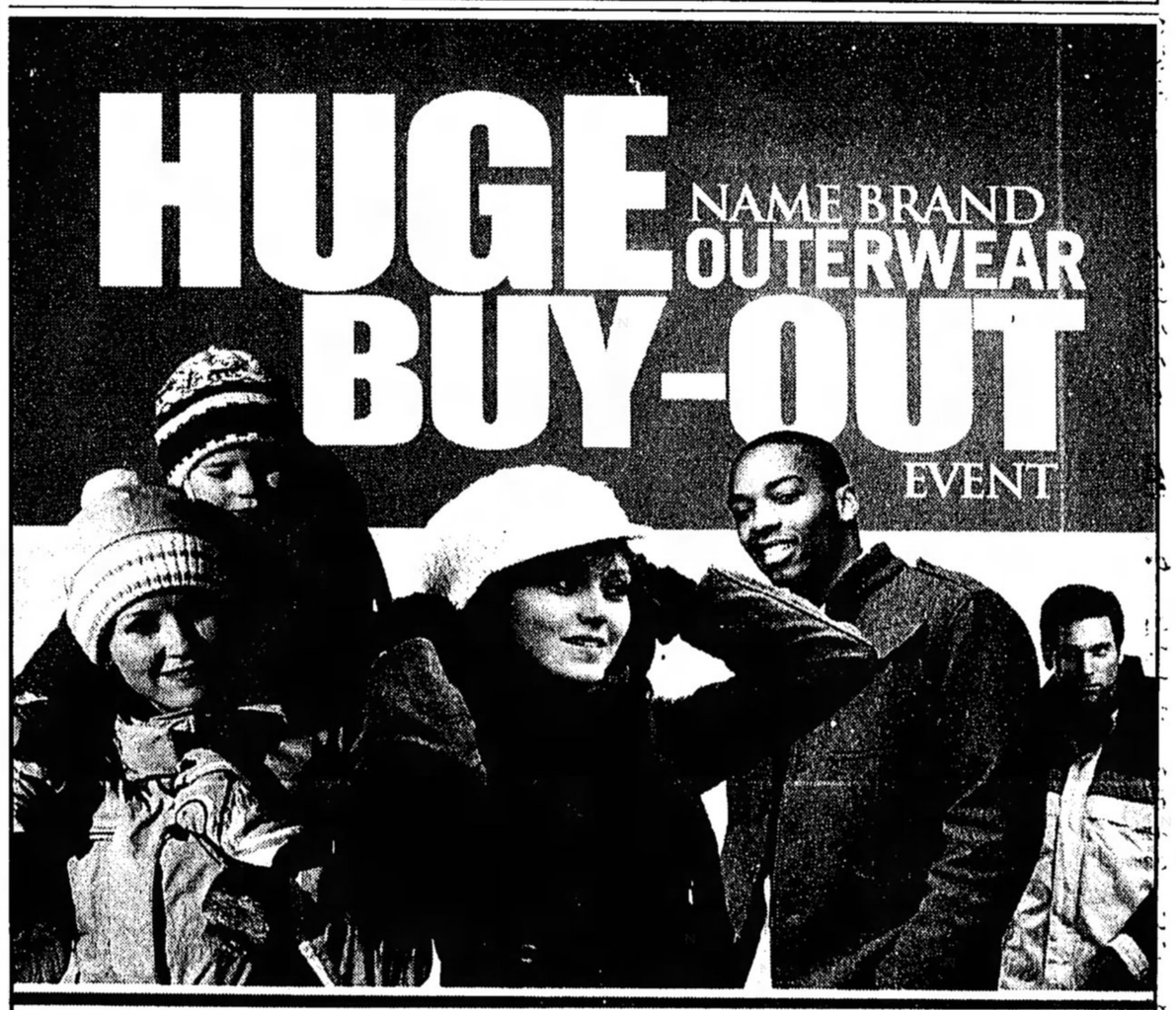
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Wife resents man's failure to pick up slack at home

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: The other day my kids asked me why I'm always so angry. I didn't know how to respond. I'm angry that they think their dad is "wonderful" because he plays with them all day (he's not working), takes them to get fast food (instead of cooking something healthy), and because he's their coach (he is having an emotional affair with one of the parents).

I assign chores to the kids because things never get done when I ask my husband to do them. If I remind them "It's trash day" or "Don't forget to vacuum the living room," my husband steps in and says, "I'll do it for you, Billy/Jane," which makes me the bad guy. I know if I ask for a divorce, the kids will want to live with him.

How do I explain this to them? And what do I tell my friends when they ask what a pretty, fit, successful woman like me is doing with an overweight, unemployed, lazy man like him? He's more personable than I am, but the stress of being the sole breadwinner has taken its toll on me. — **NEEDING ANSWERS, LEVITTOWN, PA.**

DEAR NEEDING ANSWERS: You're overwhelmed right now, and with the load you're carrying, it's no wonder. You, your husband and the children are overdue for a frank sit-down chat.

It would not be out of line to tell them that the reason you appear to be angry is you are doing it all — carrying the load financially and being the responsible parent.

It would also not be out of line to let them know that every member of the family is expected to do their part, which is why you have assigned them chores — because Dad is too busy coaching to remember to do it.

As to the fast-food diet, your husband is doing the children — and himself — no favors, and he is setting a terrible example.

Now, about your friends: Be honest. Tell them that you married your husband because you loved him at the time, and you are sticking with it because if you dump him, you may wind up supporting him anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and have just started high school. I have been told I'm beautiful. Most times I feel that way, except for one thing — I hate my nose! I don't want to sound ungrateful for my looks. I know I'm not the only girl who has a flaw and wants to change it. I just want your opinion.

From the front you can't tell my nose is messed up. But viewed from the side, there's a bump in the middle. It's also sort of crooked and just too big. I'm starting to be self-conscious about it. I don't like people looking at me from the side, but it's hard to prevent.

I have been researching plastic surgery online. At my age, my parents won't let me get a nose job, but I don't want to wait until I'm 18. Some kids have commented about my nose, but mainly I want to do this for me. It would make me feel better about myself. What am I supposed to do? — **SELF-CONSCIOUS IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR SELF-CONSCIOUS: For now, stop looking at yourself in a magnifying mirror and obsessing about your "flaws." You may — or may not — want to consider plastic surgery in a few years. I say in a few years because at 14 your features are not yet fully developed. A nose that seems "too big" now may be exactly the right size in a couple of years. If you are still displeased about the bump, there is time to have it smoothed out.

But for now you should wait and develop your personality and your intellect so that people notice you for more than your looks. I'm sure you have many qualities that make you special — and remember, what makes us unique is sometimes what we mistake as our "flaws."

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BET	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Mo'Nique Show		The Wendy Williams Show		Rising Icons	The Game	The Game	The Game
BRAVO	The Rachel Zoe Project		The Rachel Zoe Project		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		The Rachel Zoe Project (N)		Million Dollar Listing (N)		The Rachel Zoe Project		Million Dollar Listing		The Rachel Zoe Project	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Rodriguez Family"				Smarter	Smarter	World's Strictest Parents		Dallas Cheerleaders		Smarter	Smarter	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		The Business of Innovation		Big Brother, Big Business Surveillance.				Mad Money		Ultimate Fighting: Fistful		The Business of Innovation		Paid Prog	magicJack
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	(5:00) ★★★ "Swingers"		Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	"Futurama: Bender's Game" (2008) Katey Sagal				Daily Show	Colbert	Tosh.0	Girlfriend	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Atom TV
CSPAN	The Supreme Court			House	The Supreme Court			Tonight From Washington			Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	FBI's 10 Most Wanted (N)				Destroyed	Destroyed	FBI's 10 Most Wanted (N)				Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	★★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003) Jamie Lee Curtis.				Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	(4:30) "Knocked Up" (2007)		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Girls	Lamas	★★ "Never Been Kissed" (1999) Drew Barrymore.				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Sexiest Alluring cover girls.		Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	Monday Night Kickoff		Monday Night Countdown (Live)		NFL Football New York Jets at Miami Dolphins. From Land Shark Stadium in Miami.							SportsCenter (Live)			NFL PrimeTime (N)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	NHRA Drag Racing		SportsCentury		Boxing: Brock vs. McCline		NBA Basketball: 2006: Spurs at Mavericks				AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	30 for 30		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		E:60 (N)		SportsNation		Baseball	NFL Films	College Football	
EWTN	Vatican	Sisters Clare	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Paula's Best	Minute	Challenge		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	Penguins Faceoff (Live)			NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Ottawa Senators. (Live)				Penguins	Final Score	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Ottawa Senators.				Final Score	Jay Glazer	Top 50	Final Score
FX	(5:30) ★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action)				★★ "Snakes on a Plane" (2006, Horror) Samuel L. Jackson.					★★ "House of Wax" (2005) Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray.					'70s Show	'70s Show	Dual Saw	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10	Big Break	Golf Videos	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	Big Break	Golf Videos	Lessons	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent (N)	Intervention	First Place	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place
HIST	Cities of the Underworld		Modern Marvels "Brewing"		Hotel Ground Zero		JFK: 3 Shots That Changed America (N)				Clash of the Gods "Thor"		(12:01) Hotel Ground Zero		(:01) JFK: 3 Shots That Changed America			
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Medium "Pilot"		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	True Life		True Life		True Life		True Life		Gone Too Far		Gone Too Far		Real World-Road Rules		Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Pranked	Pranked
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OXY	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		★★ "Look Who's Talking" (1989) John Travolta.				★★ "Look Who's Talking" (1989) John Travolta.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Naughty Kitchen	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Your Mind	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog	NightTalk	
SPIKE	★★★★ "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher.						★★★ "Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford.						DEA		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager "Alice"	
SYFY	"Dead Like Me: Life After"		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster (N)	Street	Voltron	Highlander		The X-Files "2Shy"	
TBS	MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 4 -- Teams TBA.				MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 4 -- Teams TBA. If necessary. (Live)								MLB Post	Sex and-City	★★★ "Remember the Titans" (2000) Will Patton			
TCM	★★ "The Appointment" (1969, Drama) Omar Sharif.				★★★ "The Man Who Understood Women" (1959) Leslie Caron.				★★ "Fanny" (1961, Drama) Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier.						★★★ "Father Goose" (1965) Cary Grant.			
TLC	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Little People	Little People
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer		The Closer "Tijuana Brass"		Raising the Bar		Raising the Bar		CSI: NY "Bad Beat"		Cold Case "One Night"	
TOON	★★★ "Monster House" (2006) Steve Buscemi.				6teen: Dude of the		The Othersiders (N)		King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Awesome	The Oblongs	King of the Hill	
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Earth's Natural Wonders		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures	Anthony Bourdain		Earth's Natural Wonders		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		Top 20 Most Shocking		Forensic	Forensic	Murder by the Book		Murder by the Book		Murder by the Book	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "The Curse"		NCIS "High Seas"		NCIS "Sub Rosa"		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				(:05) ★★ "Crank" (2006, Action) Jason Statham.				(:05) Monk		(:05) ★★ "Crank" (2006)	
VH1	(5:30) ★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo.				Tool Academy		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Tool Academy		★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Maria Bello.			
VS.	WrekCage	Sports	Sports	Sports	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)					Hockey	Bull Riding PBR Columbus Invitational.				World Extreme Cagefighting From Sacramento, Calif.			
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	My Fair Wedding		My Fair Wedding	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(:15) ★★ "Eddie" (1996) Whoopi Goldberg.				★★ "Next Friday" (2000) Ice Cube.			(:40) ★★★ "Rocky II" (1979) Sylvester Stallone.				(:40) ★★ "Unlawful Entry" (1992) Kurt Russell.				(:35) ★★ "Hatchet" (2006) Joel Moore.		
HBO	★★ "The Golden Compass" (2007) Nicole Kidman.				Real Time With Bill Maher		★★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (2008) Jason Segel.				"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo"		(:45) Real Sex 16		(:40) Joe Buck Live	Curb-Enthsm		
MAX	Army-Dar.	★★★ "Death Becomes Her" (1992)			(:15) ★★ "Summer Catch" (2001) Freddie Prinze Jr.				★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008, Action) Shia LaBeouf.			★★ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991)			(:40) "Sex Spirit" (2009, Adult)			
SHOW	(5:00) ★★★ "Stardust"		(:15) ★★ "Charlie Bartlett" (2007) Anton Yelchin.		Dexter (iTV)				Californ	Californ	Dexter (iTV)		★★ "Zerophilia" (2005) Taylor Handley.		(:35) "Foreign Exchange" (2008) iTV.			
STARZ	(5:50) ★ "Bubble Boy" (2001)			(:20) ★★ "Step Up 2 the Streets" (2008)	★★ "Sex Drive" (2008, Comedy) Josh Zuckerman.						★★ "The House Bunny" (2008)			(:45) ★ "88 Minutes" (2007) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt.		Step Up 2			

NEWS

Columbus honored as beacon of hope for Italian-Americans

When we learn about history, one of the first people we learn about is Columbus.

By CHRIS TOGNERI
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On the north wall of Heinz Chapel in Oakland, Christopher Columbus keeps some impressive company.

He stands in a rowboat and wields a sword, the heroic image captured in a stained-glass image near the middle of a 73-foot-tall transept window. Next to him is Florence Nightingale. Nearby are more than a dozen other historical heavyweights known for courageous deeds, including the Virgin Mary, Joan of Arc and several saints.

That Columbus is honored alongside such icons surprises no one in the Italian-American community in western Pennsylvania.

To them, he is a symbol of strength, vision and hope — and not just for ethnic Italians.

"Christopher Columbus had the courage to come to a new land, to risk everything and come to an area that was totally unknown," said Carla Lucente, honorary consul of Italy and co-director of Duquesne University's Center for International Relations.

"He opened the door to the New World, not only for Italians, but for everyone else — the Slovaks, the Germans, the Irish. He was the great discoverer."

As ethnic Italians today celebrate Columbus Day, commemorating the famous seaman from Genoa, many are reflecting on his legacy.

City Councilman Bill Peduto, a second-generation Italian-American, described Columbus "the same way someone who is Irish would describe St. Patty: it is as much an issue of identity as it is pride," he said.

"When we learn about American history, one of the first people we learn about is Christopher Columbus," Peduto said. "He sets the first chapter of our own shared history in this country."

Dennis Looney, chair of the French and Italian Department at the University of Pittsburgh, said all Americans celebrate Columbus Day in some fashion because it's a national holiday.

"All cultural ethnic groups create their own traditions," Looney said. "And Columbus becomes an Italian-American hero because he represents their beginnings. But in the case of Columbus, that tradition in time gets institutionalized and eventually is turned into a national holiday.

"Columbus was nationalized," he said. "I don't know how often that happens in our history. That's one of the intriguing thing about Columbus."

It is why Columbus is depicted in stained glass inside Heinz Chapel, and why cities across America name streets after him and erect statues and monuments in his likeness, he said.

Outside Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Oakland, a statue of Columbus portrays him "looking heroic, standing at the helm of a ship, looking to the future," Looney said.

Keith Hodan
For The Valley Independent

A statue of Christopher Columbus, sculpted by Frank Vittor, looms above Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Oakland.

"He represents courage and pioneering spirit and he (has) become a symbol, not only for all Italian-Americans, but for all immigrants who are making that same trek."

Still, Columbus has his detractors.

After all, some have argued, Columbus is known for "discovering" a land that was inhabited, and he made that discovery only after vastly underestimating Earth's size, thus believing he had hit the East Indies when he stumbled upon the New World in 1492.

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They were scored upon only two times that year, including a 34-7 drubbing of Altoona and a convincing 38-6 victory over New Kensington in the WPIAL final.

So powerful was that Donora team that *The Pittsburgh Press,* in a story dated Sunday, November 25, 1984, labeled it as the greatest team ever assembled in this neck of the woods.

An amazing thing about that poll was that the fans as well as the coaches felt the 1961 edition of Greyhound football was the second best team.

That Monessen team included three future NFL stars - halfback Eric Crabtree, end Billy Malinchak and offensive lineman Doug Crusan, who was a sophomore for the Greyhound squad. That same team also featured the dynamic running of Benny Jones ,who rushed for 1,143 yards and scored 18 TDs.

Like the '45 Dragons, the Hounds also had an impressive defensive alignment, posting seven shutouts including back-to-back 19-0 victories over previously undefeated Johnstown and Charleroi teams.

In addition to those outstanding Donora and Monessen teams, the readers also chose the '44 Dragons as the third best team, the, '40 Brownsville team tied for eleventh place while the '54 Clairton Bears and the '80 rendition of Thomas Jefferson's Jags tied for the thirteenth slot.

I'd say that was quite an endorsement for Valley football.

For at least four decades, Valley teams continued to be a major force in the alignment of the powerful WPIAL. We went from the "Big Five" gradually to the "Big Ten" with the addition of teams such as Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth Forward and Laurel Highlands.

Belle Vernon Area, which became a jointure of several schools including Rostraver, Marion, Belle Vernon, N. Belle Vernon and Fayette City, was also added to an already powerful conference.

Donora joined with her arch rival, the Monongahela Wildcats, to form the Ringgold Rams.

It was, indeed, a glorious period for Valley football as the rivalries were fierce and blessed with a wide array of talented players and coaches.

In time, however, with school jointures, changing enrollments and new conferences, many of the old rivalries were dissolved and replaced with other schools.

Monessen and Charleroi, once centerpieces of those exciting rivalries, had dwindling school enrollments and were eventually forced to join lower classified conferences.

At one time the four valley powers - Monessen, Charleroi, BVA and Ringgold - were all in different conferences. That setup had one attractive feature since Valley fans could cheer on a team from each of the four classifications. I, however, as one among many, miss the "good old days" when we used to slug it out with our next door neighbors.

There was an added disappointment this year when, what I believe was the longest running rivalry in Western Pennsylvania was discontinued. I speak, of course, of the dynamic cross-river rivalry which pitted the Greyhounds of Monessen with the Charleroi Cougars. Many fans on both sides of the river are hopeful that situation will soon be remedied and that the fabled rivalry can soon be resumed.

Some observers believe that at least a portion of those rivalries could be revived with a new alignment of some of our area's A and AA schools into one conference. A suggestion would include Charleroi, Monessen, California, Clairton, Frazier, Beth Center, Bentleyville and Brownsville being brought into the same section. BVA and Ringgold, with larger enrollments, would have to continue in a higher classification along with Thomas Jefferson and Elizabeth Forward.

In the meantime, we Valley football fans will live with what we have.

Our Valley football gem continues to shine, perhaps not as brilliantly as it once did but, nevertheless, it shall continue radiating throughout our Mid-Mon Valley.

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Breast cancer walk a success

Charleroi resident Ruth Corrin prepares for the walk.

Participants prepare for the Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk.

Rhonda Green and Victoria Green, 6, of Farmington, walk the route.

Snickers the dog, Nicole Floravanti, of Donora, center, and chamber Director Debra Keefer are ready to walk.

The event honors the memory of Lois Orange Ducoeur

The annual Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk drew a crowd to Charleroi on Saturday.

It is designed to both raise money for breast cancer research and awareness of the deadly disease.

The event honors the memory of Orange Ducoeur, a noted borough resident and a member of a long-time Charleroi business family.

As always, her family was instrumental in organizing the downtown walk.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, TEAM Charleroi and a number of area businesses helped to make the walk a success.

Prior to the walk, participants enjoyed doughnuts and coffee and posed for a group picture.

In addition, the walkers released balloons bearing the names of breast cancer victims.

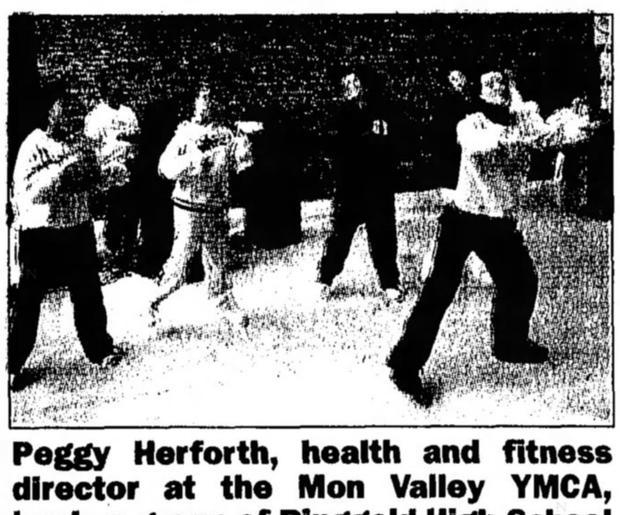
Lunch was provided after the walk as the celebration continued. A DJ provided music. Local vendors and organizations took part in the post-walk celebration.

Irene Halavacik, of North Charleroi, observes a moment of silence for breast cancer survivors. Sprightly at age 87, she set a goal of walking two miles in the event.

Photos by Jim Ference

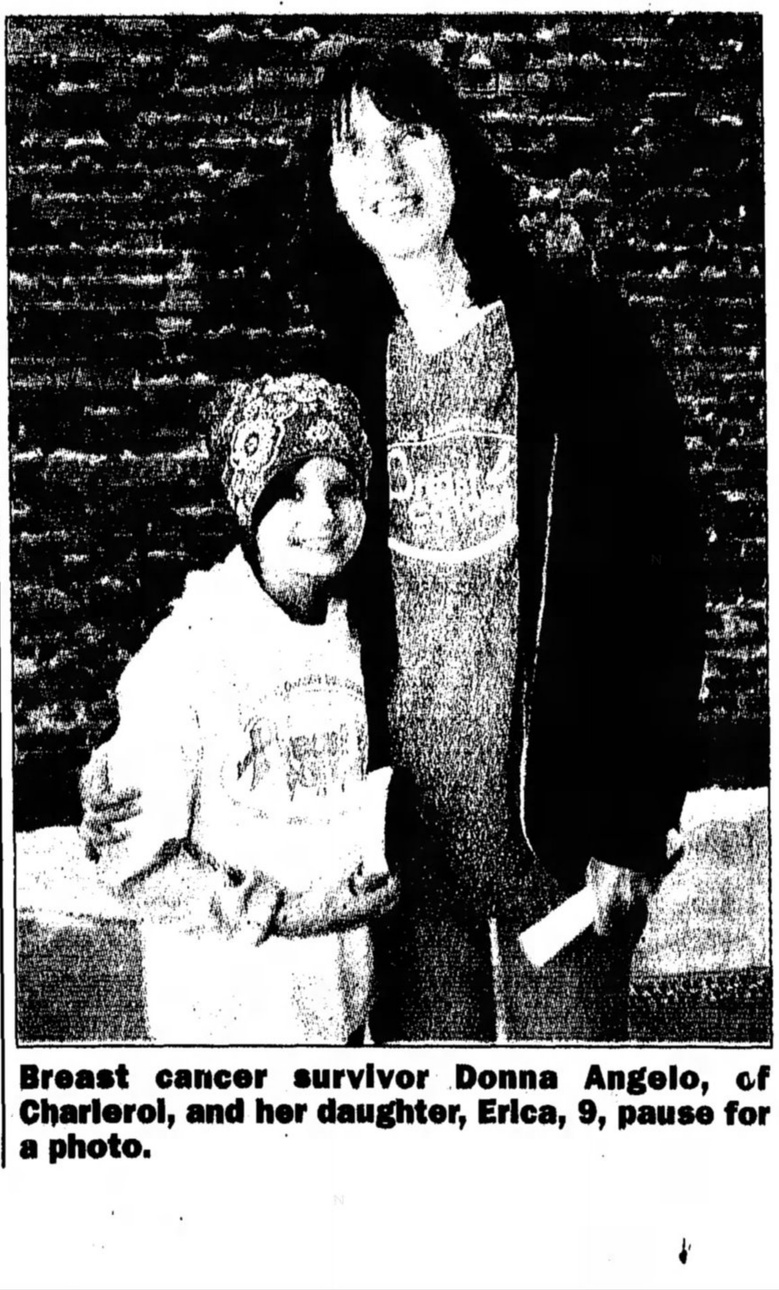
Heather Amey, left, of Speers, releases balloons bearing the names of people who have died from breast cancer. Janice Beam, of Dunlevy, right, is looking on.

Tom and Cora Ducoeur offer remarks at the breast cancer walk and offer thanks to the people to came out to participate in the annual event.



Peggy Herforth, health and fitness director at the Mon Valley YMCA, leads a group of Ringgold High School students in a pre-walk warmup.

Donna Bally helps prepare daughters, Leah, 11, and Madison, 7, for the walk.



Breast cancer survivor Donna Angelo, of Charleroi, and her daughter, Erica, 9, pause for a photo.

Elaine Stepko, of Coal Center, walks a mile in support of breast cancer research.

A group of walkers make their way along Fallowfield Avenue in the cause to eradicate breast cancer.

Broncos stay perfect

Denver and Dallas picked up overtime victories in Sunday's NFL action. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Angels, Yankees advance to ALCS

Los Angeles finished off Boston, and New York eliminated Minnesota Sunday to set up the American League Championship Series. **3B**

Perfect day for Tiger

Tiger Woods wrapped up the Presidents Cup for the Americans and became only the third player ever to win all five of his matches. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Who was the last Pittsburgh Steeler to lead the NFL in punting? **2B**

Sunday's scores

N.Y. Giants 44, Oakland 7
Cleveland 6, Buffalo 3
Dallas 26, Kansas City 20, OT
Minnesota 38, St. Louis 10
Cincinnati 17, Baltimore 14
Carolina 20, Washington 17

Steelers hold on against Lions

Late Detroit rally turned away in 28-20 victory.

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

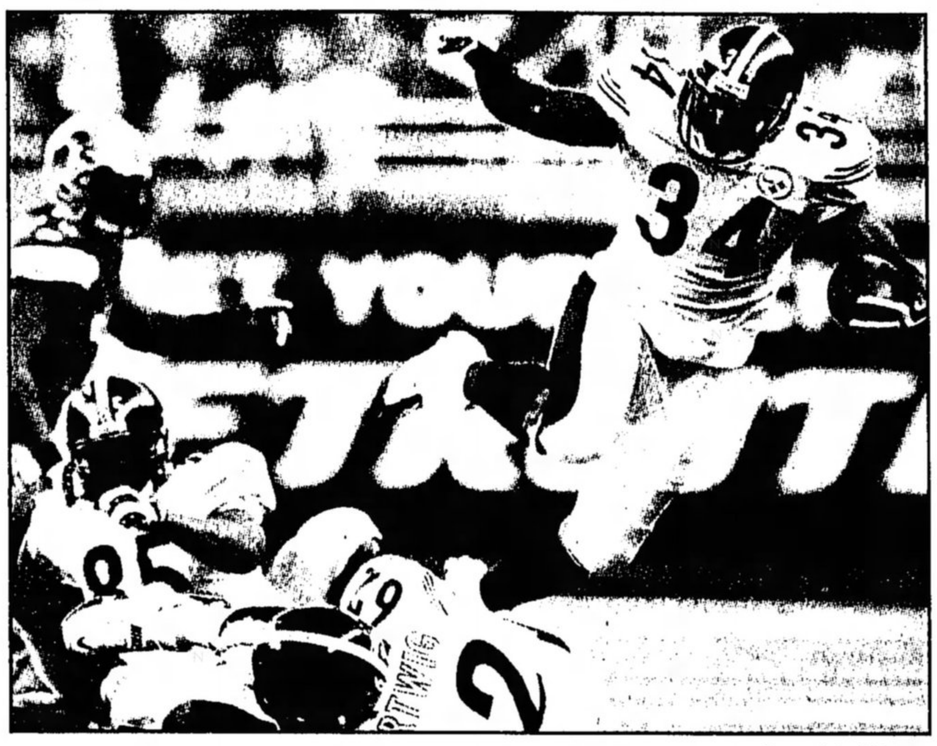
DETROIT — The lowly Detroit Lions scored first against the defending champion Pittsburgh Steelers and outscored them in the fourth quarter.

In between, Ben Roethlisberger threw a season-high three touchdowns, Rashard Mendenhall ran for a score and James Harrison had three sacks to help the Steelers hold off the Lions 28-20 Sunday.

"Would we like to blow teams out? Of course," Pittsburgh receiver Hines Ward said. "But when teams are playing the Pittsburgh Steelers, the defending champions, they're going to give their best."

Detroit (1-4) has been good enough to win only once this season, a year after having the NFL's first 0-16 season, but it was competitive with Pittsburgh (3-2) following a rout at Chicago.

"The bottom line in this business is winning," Lions coach Jim Schwartz said. "Last week, we never gave ourselves a chance to do that, which is why I was so disappointed. This week, we did give ourselves a chance, and that's an improvement."



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Steelers running back Rashard Mendenall, right, picks up yards against the Detroit defense in the fourth quarter Sunday.

The Steelers hope to find a way to get better in the fourth quarter after giving up late scores to lose leads at Cincinnati and Chicago.

"When they had some life, that's when we need to turn it up offensively and put our foot down on their throat and not let up," Roethlisberger said. "We need to really put the nail in the coffin when it comes down to it."

The Steelers' faithful helped them avoid losing another game in the fourth quarter.

On the road.

Detroit had the ball at its 29 with 3:07 left and two timeouts with a chance to send the game into overtime.

Thousands of black-and-gold clad fans chanted "DE-FENSE!" and twirled Terrible Towels to help Pittsburgh keep Detroit out of the end zone.

"At the end, it might have seemed like a Pittsburgh crowd, but I thought for most of the game, our crowd was loud and behind us," Schwartz said. "It might have hurt us a little right at the end."

Daunte Culpepper led the Lions to the Pittsburgh 21 before he was sacked on three straight plays, leading to him heaving one last shot toward the end zone that was knocked down by cornerback Ike Taylor. Pittsburgh had four sacks on the drive, finishing with seven.

The game drew 59,333 fans and at least half looked and sounded like they were rooting for the visitors.

"It was spectacular to stand on the visiting sideline and see the fan support that we had today in this building," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said.

Pittsburgh has sold out 283 straight home games, leading to throngs of its fans making the 4 1/2-hour drive to Detroit to take advantage of plenty of seats being available at the venue where the franchise won the Super Bowl in 2006.

"It brought back a lot of memories," Ward said. "We had just as many fans as we did that time."

Roethlisberger was 23 of 30 for 277 yards with TD passes to Ward, Mike Wallace and Heath Miller. One poorly thrown deep out was intercepted by William James and returned 38 yards for a score in the second quarter.

"I don't feel like I'm playing well," Roethlisberger said. "I'm disappointed in my performance."

Culpepper played in place of No. 1 overall draft pick Matthew Stafford (right knee), and was 23 for 37 for 282 yards with a TD and an interception.

"I don't accept moral victories," Culpepper said. "You do have to look at the positives from every game, but you have to look just as hard as the negatives. We just didn't do enough to win."

NOTES: Roethlisberger got a scare during the game when he was hit low and late, drawing a penalty. "I felt my knee go," he said. "I'm glad there was no weight on it because it wouldn't have been fun." ... Lions WR Calvin Johnson (right knee) left in the first quarter, was hobbled as he simply tried to walk after the game and struggled to bend his leg to climb up steps. ... Pittsburgh S Troy Polamalu (left knee) and RB Willie Parker (left toe) were inactive.

Chad Carroto/For The Valley Independent

Monessen's ShelDon Miller stiff arms a Geibel player Saturday. Miller ran for 155 yards on seven carries in the Greyhounds' 35-7 victory.

Monessen uses big plays to crush Geibel

Long runs by Crenshaw and Miller set the stage for Hounds' 35-7 victory.

CONNELLSVILLE — It took Monessen's offense just three plays to put away Geibel in a Tri-County South Conference contest Saturday afternoon.

The Greyhounds scored two touchdowns in their first three plays en route to a 35-7 win, their fourth in as many games.

Brett Crenshaw scampered 55 yards for a touchdown on Monessen's first offensive snap, and on the next possession, ShelDon Miller raced 73 yards around right end to make it 14-0 just 4:30 into the contest.

That set the stage for a ground attack that rolled up 406 yards against the Gators' defense.

Miller had a career afternoon for the Greyhounds (4-2, 4-0) as he rushed for 155 yards on just seven carries. Teammate Trae Cook added 113 yards on 16 carries and Crenshaw ended with 77 yards on just 3 rushes.

Monessen upped the lead to 21-0 midway through the second quarter when Jeff Francia made a diving catch in the end zone for a 29-yard TD reception from Terrance Stepoli.

In the second half, Monessen went on top 28-0 when Stepoli called his own number from a yard out.

Geibel (2-4, 1-3) averted a shutout when Chris Erdely scored from two yards out with 9:24 to go in the game.

Monessen capped the scoring when freshman R.J. Small scored from 6 yards out with 1:29 to play.

Monessen, which is in sole possession of first place in the conference, hosts Jefferson-Morgan (5-1, 3-1) Friday night at Memorial Stadium in a showdown for first place.

The Rockets are locked in a three-way tie for second behind the Greyhounds with Beth-Center and Carmichaels.

Cal U win sets up first-place showdown

Josh Portis throws four touchdown passes in rout of Lock Haven.

California University's football team tuned for Saturday's PSAC West first place showdown with Edinboro at Adamson Stadium by rolling to a 48-14 victory at winless Lock Haven Saturday night.

Josh Portis came up big again for the Vulcans (5-2, 4-0), who upped their winning streak to five.

Portis completed 17 of 23 passes for 274 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions.

Over the last 19 quarters, Portis has thrown 18 touchdown passes and hasn't been intercepted in his last 120 passes.

Portis threw touchdown passes of 13 and 53 yards to Terrance Moore in the first half as the Vulcans led 31-0 at halftime.

Windell Brown, who finished with a game-high 77 yards on 10 carries, scored Cal's other touchdowns in the opening half on runs of 6 and 15 yards.

Mark Domonkos, who transferred from Lock Haven, opened and closed the scoring with field goals of 25 and 35 yards.

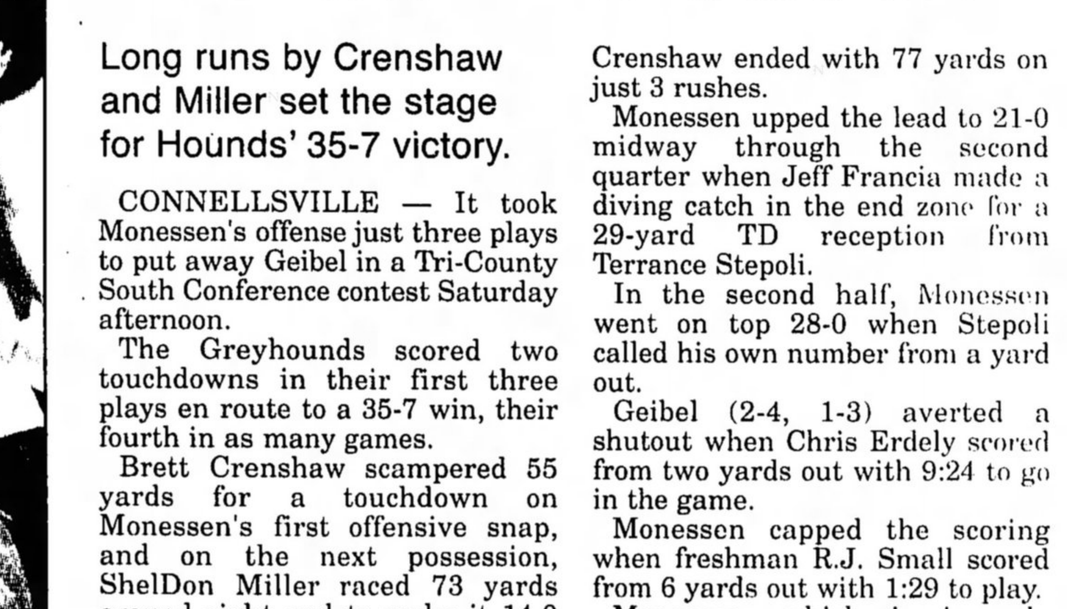
Portis' other touchdown tosses were to Blake Williamson (8 yards) and A.J. Jackson (2 yards) in the third quarter as the Vulcans took a 45-7 lead into the final period.

While Cal's offense was piling up 494 total offense yards, the Vulcans' defense was limiting the Bald Eagles to 191 including 35 on the ground.

Linebackers Matt McClelland and Anthony Roberts both had six tackles to lead the defense.

McClelland, making his first start, also forced a fumble on the game's second play.

CAL CLIPS: The Vulcans upped their West Division winning streak to 17 ... Jackson has caught touchdown passes in six straight games ... Saturday's 3:30 p.m. game with Edinboro will be televised by Fox Sports.



Laura Rayle/For The Valley Independent

Cal U's Windell Brown gained 77 yards and scored two touchdowns in Saturday's win over Lock Haven.

SPORTS

Denver turns up 'electricity' to beat Patriots

Broncos march 98 yards to tie the game before winning in overtime.

By The Associated Press

The Denver Broncos are reminding their fans of Super Bowl seasons past with their 5-0 start. The Dallas Cowboys are just relieved their season hasn't completely fallen apart heading into their bye week.

Kyle Orton led a 98-yard drive in the fourth quarter to tie the score and Matt Prater kicked a 41-yard field goal in overtime Sunday to lift Denver to a 20-17 victory over the New England Patriots.

"The electricity in the stadium was so great that we had to have it," Orton said. "When we got to overtime, we just had to win."

Josh McDaniels got a win over his old boss, Bill Belichick, and the Broncos opened the season with five wins for the first time since 1998, their last Super Bowl season.

At Kansas City, Mo., Miles Austin caught 10 passes for a franchise-record 250 yards and scored the winning touchdown in overtime, lifting the Cowboys to a 26-20 victory against the winless Chiefs.

Austin topped the record of 246 yards that Hall of Famer "Bullet" Bob Hayes set against Washington almost 39 years ago, and helped send the Chiefs (0-5) to their 28th loss in 30 games.

"It's a feeling that's unbelievable," he said. "It's amazing. I never seen that coming today. I was ready today, but you never expect a huge game like that."

Austin's tackle-breaking 59-yard catch-and-run from Tony Romo gave the mistake-prone Cowboys (3-2) a 20-13 lead with 2:16 left. Then after Matt Cassel's 16-yard TD pass to Dwayne Bowe tied it 20-20 with 24 seconds to go in regulation, Austin got free on a 60-yard scoring play on Dallas' second possession in overtime.

Orton threw for 330 yards and two scores and the Broncos held New England (3-2) scoreless in the second half.

Denver's fourth-quarter drive certainly wasn't "The Drive" — Elway's classic, 98-yard march that helped beat the Browns 23-20 back in the 1987 AFC title game — but it will go down as one of the best in this franchise's history.

Associated Press

Kyle Orton threw for 330 yards Sunday in an overtime win over New England.

Trailing 17-10 with 9:59 left, Orton was at his patient best during the game-tying drive that started at the 2. A 14-yard completion to Jabar Gaffney, a screen to Knowshon Moreno who sprung for 27. A 7-yard completion to Eddie Royal, who finished with 10 catches for 90 yards.

Brandon Marshall, who scored the game-winner last week against Dallas, did the honors this time, too, catching a pass on the sideline, then spinning and breaking a tackle for an 11-yard score that tied it at 17. It was his second touchdown of the game.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady went 19 for 33 for 215 yards, but only 63 of those came in the second half.

The teams traded a pair of possessions around midfield to close regulation, then the Broncos won the toss and drove 58 yards to set up the winning field goal with 10:09 left in OT.

Falcons 45, 49ers 10

At San Francisco, Roddy White had a 90-yard catch-and-run for a touchdown and a 31-yard TD reception, and Michael Turner ran for three scores to end San Francisco's five-game home winning streak.

White finished with eight catches for a career-high 210 yards against the 49ers' usually stingy defense. Six of those receptions were in the first half for 185 yards, as Atlanta (3-1) came out of its bye week sharp in all phases and finished with a 477-279 advantage in total yards. Matt Ryan completed 22 of 32 passes for 329 yards and two TDs and also ran for a late score.

San Francisco (3-2) flopped in its biggest test yet, falling to its worst defeat since a 41-0 loss at Kansas City on Oct. 1, 2006, under former coach Mike Nolan.

Cardinals 28, Texans 21

At Glendale, Ariz., Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown with 2:20 to go and the Arizona defense stopped the Texans three times at the 1-yard line in the final minute.

Matt Schaub brought the Texans back from a 21-0 halftime deficit to tie the game and had completed 11 straight when Rodgers-Cromartie, playing with a fractured right index finger, stepped in front of intended receiver Kevin Walter.

The young cornerback raced down the sideline, then high-stepped the final 20 yards for the score for the Cardinals (2-2).

Seahawks 41, Jaguars 0

At Seattle, Matt Hasselbeck returned from being sidelined two games with broken ribs to throw four touchdown passes, and the Seahawks rolled to their biggest home shutout in 25 years.

The Seahawks (2-3) were still missing seven starters, including three-fifths of their starting offensive line against the Jaguars (2-3). Hasselbeck completed 18 of 30 throws for 241 yards before resting in the fourth quarter. He last threw four against Arizona on Dec. 9, 2007.

Bengals 17, Ravens 14

At Baltimore, Carson Palmer threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell with 22 seconds left to cap an 80-yard drive fueled by Baltimore penalties.

All five of Cincinnati's games this season have been decided by seven points or fewer. Palmer masterfully directed the final drive for the Bengals (4-1) — with the help of three yellow flags. The third one was a pass interference penalty against Frank Walker on third-and-16 from the Baltimore 30 — although the infraction was called by the officials against Ed Reed.

On the next play, Palmer found Caldwell over the middle for the winning score, sending the Ravens (3-2) to their second straight loss.

Eagles 33, Buccaneers 14

At Philadelphia, Donovan McNabb showed he was fine after missing two games with a broken rib, throwing for 264 yards and three touchdowns.

Rookie Jeremy Maclin had two TD catches and the lopsided score allowed Michael Vick to take extra snaps at quarterback in the fourth quarter. He completed his first pass in 33 months and had an 11-yard run.

The Eagles (3-1) improved to 11-0 after a bye week under coach Andy Reid.

The Buccaneers (0-5) remained winless under new coach Raheem Morris and extended their losing to streak to nine games.

Colts 31, Titans 9

At Nashville, Tenn., Peyton Manning's near-perfect start to the season continued as he had 309 yards and three touchdown passes, and the Colts never trailed in beating their AFC South rivals for their NFL-best 14th straight regular-season win.

Manning joined Kurt Warner and Steve Young as the only quarterbacks to open a season by throwing for at least 300 yards in each of the first five games. He will have to wait out a bye week to try and match them with a sixth.

Indianapolis (5-0) has not lost since its last visit to Nashville and leaves now with a firm grip on the AFC South. The Titans (0-5) have matched their 0-5 start in 2006.

Panthers 20, Redskins 17

At Charlotte, N.C., aided by a disputed call and Jake Delhomme's bold third-down run, the Panthers (1-3) jump-started a sagging season.

The Panthers scored the game's final 18 points, and Jonathan Stewart's 8-yard run with 9:21 left was the go-ahead touchdown. The TD was set up when the Panthers recovered a muffed punt at the Washington 12. The maligned Delhomme later ran a bootleg for a first down with just under 2 minutes left to give the Panthers their first win.

The Redskins (2-3) again lost to a previously winless team despite leading 17-2 early in the third quarter.

Giants 44, Raiders 7

At East Rutherford, N.J., Eli Manning threw two scoring passes and led the Giants on touchdown drives on their first four series before resting his sore heel.

Manning finished 8 of 10 for 173 yards on a day the Giants gained 483 yards. New York (5-0) is off to its best start since winning the Super Bowl in 1990. Backup halfback Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 110 yards and scored on runs of 1 and 9 yards.

Oakland quarterback JaMarcus Russell lost three fumbles and was sacked six times as the Raiders (1-4) were limited to 124 yards.

Vikings 38, Rams 10

At St. Louis, Brett Favre threw for 232 yards and a touchdown a day after his 40th birthday. Spry and efficient, Favre showed no signs of a letdown after beating the Packers last week, dodging defenders and winging passes in every direction to give Minnesota its first 5-0 start in six years.

Jared Allen returned one of his two fumble recoveries 52 yards for a touchdown and Adrian Peterson rumbled in for a pair of touchdowns, helping the Vikings to their 400th win (400-322-9).

St. Louis (0-5) wore throwback uniforms from 1999, a nod to the team's only Super Bowl victory.

Browns 6, Bills 3

At Orchard Park, N.Y., backup kicker Billy Cundiff hit an 18-yard field goal with 23 seconds remaining for Cleveland, ending a display of offensive ineptitude.

Cundiff also made a 24-yard field goal in the second quarter, and punter Dave Zastudil downed seven of nine punts inside the Bills 20, including three inside the 5. Zastudil also provided the game-turning play when Roscoe Parrish muffed a rolling punt. The Browns (1-4) recovered at the Bills 16 to set up the winning score.

The Bills (1-4) have lost to winless teams in consecutive weeks following a 38-10 defeat at Miami. They've dropped 12 of their past 15.

The Browns ended a 10-game losing streak, one short of matching a franchise worst.

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Houston at Cincinnati	Buffalo at NY Jets
St. Louis at Jacksonville	Baltimore at Minnesota
NY Giants at New Orleans	Cleveland at Pittsburgh
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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

SPORTS DIGEST

Cal netters win PSAC titles again

For the fourth straight year, California University won the PSAC singles and doubles titles Sunday at Shippensburg.

Sophomore Alina Stranila repeated as singles champ with 6-0 and 6-2 victories over doubles partner Axelle Fernandez.

Juniors Nina Kowalski and Laurie Navarro copped the doubles crown with an 8-0 decision over Mercyhurst's Kim Ezzo and Meghan Raynor.

Stanila, Kowalski and Navarro will be competing Thursday in Mobile, Ala., in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's national championships.

Cal booters win seventh straight

California University's soccer team upped its winning streak to seven Saturday with a 1-0 victory over visiting Shippensburg.

Mike Luecke scored for the Vulcans (10-3) un the 25th minute on an assist from Felipe Souza. Derek Yobbi had a season-high seven saves for his second shutout.

The Vulcans are home Wednesday with Mercyhurst.

BV Area booters blank Charleroi

Belle Vernon Area Junior High's soccer team is home with Washington today at 3:30 p.m. following a 12-0 romp over Charleroi.

David Wurmlinger led the Little Leps with three goals while Josh Page had two and Anthony Zenobi, Greg Bagay, Niko Tasser, Jake Hajostek, Geno Leone, Eric Resetar and Aaron Gillie each added one.

BVA cagers split with Southmoreland

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball teams split with Southmoreland.

The eighth graders dropped to 9-6 with a 27-26 defeat with Megan Staley and Mackenzie Taylor each scoring eight points for the Little Lady Leps.

Bria Rathway and Tiernie Singleton each scored 12 points as the eighth graders rolled to a 44-10 victory to up their record to 7-1.

Cal booters edge Shippensburg, 3-2

The California University women's soccer team upped its record to 10-3-1- with a 3-2 win over visiting Bloomsburg Saturday.

Amanda Heister had two goals and assisted on Brittany Sullivan's game-winner in the 69th minute.

The Vulcans host Davis & Elkins Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Woods perfect in Americans' win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tiger Woods provided a fitting conclusion to a perfect week at the Presidents Cup, for him and an American team that remains perfect at home.

With a flop shot out of the trees to set up one last birdie, Woods won the point that clinched the cup and made him only the third player in the Presidents Cup to win all five matches. His 6-and-5 victory over Y.E. Yang was a tiny token of revenge for Woods blowing a final-round lead to him in the PGA Championship this summer.

Phil Mickelson wrapped up another anticlimactic finish with a 7-foot birdie putt for a 2-and-1 victory over Retief Goosen, leaving Lefty unbeaten (4-0-1) in the Presidents Cup for the second time in the last three contests.

The Americans won 19 1/2-14 1/2, the same margin as last time against an overmatched International team.

Trivia answer

Harry Newsome with a 45.5 average.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Manny "Sanguillen's two-out, pinch-hit single gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a 3-2 win over Baltimore and evened the World Series at 1-1.

20 Years Ago

Ringgold upped its Sec. 2 record to 12-0 with a 4-0 win over Waynesburg with Phil Sivak scoring two goals and Bill Geary and Greg Marinkovich each adding a goal.

Ringgold played to a 1-1 double overtime tie with Trinity with Amy Miller scoring for the Lady Rams.

10 Years Ago

Charleroi downed McGuffey, 2-0, with Shellie Cotton scoring both goals to raise her school's all-time leading total to 121.

Kelly Kifus had two goals and Terri Myshin one in Monessen's 3-0 win over Yough.

Elizabeth Forward edged Ringgold, 1-0, in overtime on a goal by Stefanie Hannon.

SPORTS

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	74	57
New England	3	2	0	.600	104	91
Miami	1	3	0	.250	81	79
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	77	116
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	97	127
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	120
Tennessee	0	5	0	.000	84	139
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	101	90
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	138	97
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	113	98
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	55	121
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	99	43
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	49	130
Kansas City	0	5	0	.000	84	138

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	0	0	1.000	151	71
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	127	86
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Washington	2	3	0	.400	73	82
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	102	63
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	57	104
Tampa Bay	0	5	0	.000	68	140
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	156	90
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	103	162
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	85	89
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	115	82
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	34	146

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 28, Detroit 20
N.Y. Giants 44, Oakland 7
Cleveland 6, Buffalo 3
Dallas 26, Kansas City 20, OT
Minnesota 38, St. Louis 10
Cincinnati 17, Baltimore 14
Carolina 20, Washington 17
Philadelphia 33, Tampa Bay 14
Atlanta 45, San Francisco 10
Seattle 41, Jacksonville 0
Arizona 28, Houston 21
Denver 20, New England 17, OT
Indianapolis 31, Tennessee 9
Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Today's Game

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18

Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco

Monday, Oct. 19

Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

Steelers summary

Pittsburgh	7	14	7	0	- 28
Detroit	6	7	0	7	- 20

First quarter

Det-FG Hanson 46, 9:05.
Pit-Mendenhall 7 run (Reed kick), 6:44.
Det-FG Hanson 46, 2:23.

Second quarter

Pit-Miller 15 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 10:37.
Det-James 38 interception return (Hanson kick), 6:52.
Pit-Ward 17 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 3:51.

Third quarter

Pit-Wallace 47 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 6:05.

Fourth quarter

Det-Northcutt 25 pass from Culpepper (Hanson kick), 4:57.
Att-59,333.

	Pit	Det
First downs	18	21
Total Net Yards	344	335
Rushes-yards	21-82	25-110
Passing	262	225
Punt Returns	2-14	4-21
Kickoff Returns	5-128	5-109
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-38
Comp-Att-Int	23-30-1	23-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-15	7-57
Punts	4-48.5	3-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-0
Penalties-Yards	6-59	6-66
Time of Possession	27:25	32:35

Individual statistics

Rushing-Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 15-77, Moore 2-8, Roethlisberger 4-(minus 3).
Detroit, K. Smith 20-53, Culpepper 3-44, Felton 1-8, Morris 1-5.
Passing-Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 23-30-1-277. Detroit, Culpepper 23-37-1-282.
Receiving-Pittsburgh, Ward 7-85, Miller 5-54, Holmes 4-50, Moore 3-20, Wallace 2-52, Mendenhall 2-16.
Detroit, Northcutt 5-70, B.Johnson 4-35, K.Smith 3-42, Felton 3-37, Pettigrew 3-27, Williams 2-37, Heller 1-16, Morris 1-16, C.Johnson 1-2.
Missed field goals-Detroit, Hanson 49.

NBA preseason

Sunday's Games

Denver 128, Indiana 112
Boston 100, New Jersey 93
Toronto 100, Washington 93
San Antonio 95, Miami 93
Detroit 100, Atlanta 91
Dallas 114, Memphis 107

Today's Games

Olympiacos at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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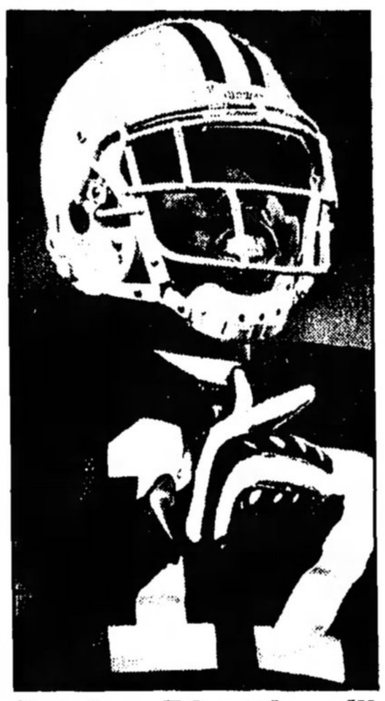

Braylon Edwards will make his debut with the New York Jets against Miami at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

4:07 p.m. - WTBS - Philadelphia at Colorado, baseball.
7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Ottawa, hockey.
8 p.m. - Versus - Calgary at Chicago, hockey.
8:30 p.m. - ESPN - New York Jets at Miami, pro football.

Radio

7:30 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Pittsburgh at Ottawa, hockey.
8:30 p.m. - KQV (1410) - New York Jets at Miami, pro football.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Chartiers Valley	4	0	6	0
Thomas Jefferson	3	0	6	0
West Mifflin	2	1	5	1
Belle Vernon Area	1	2	3	3
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	3	3
Trintty	1	3	1	5
Ringgold	0	3	2	4

Thursday

Thomas Jefferson at Chartiers Valley

Friday

Ringgold at BV Area
Trinity at West Mifflin
Elizabeth at Derry

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Greensburg Salem	3	0	5	1
Laurel Highlands	2	1	2	4
Uniontown	2	1	3	3
Albert Gallatin	2	2	3	3
Derry	2	2	2	4
Yough	1	3	1	5
Southmoreland	0	3	0	6

Friday

Yough at Uniontown
Laurel Highlands at Albert Gallatin
Southmoreland at Grb. Salem

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Mt. Pleasant	6	0	6	0
Charleroi	5	1	5	1
Jeannette	5	1	5	1
McGuffey	4	2	4	2
Washington	4	2	4	2
Greensburg Central	4	2	4	2
Waynesburg	1	5	1	5
Brownsville	1	5	1	5
South Allegheny	0	6	0	6
East Allegheny	0	6	0	6

Friday

McGuffey at Charleroi
Mt. Pleasant at South Allegheny
Jeannette at Washington
East Allegheny at Waynesburg
Grb. Central at Brownsville

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Monessen	4	0	4	2
Jefferson-Morgan	3	1	5	1
Beth-Center	3	1	4	2
California	3	1	4	2
Carmichaels	2	2	2	4
Geibel	1	3	2	4
West Greene	0	4	0	6
Mapletown	0	4	0	6

Saturday

Monessen 35, Geibel 7

Friday

Jeff-Morgan at Monessen
California at Beth-Center
Mapletown at West Greene

Saturday

Carmichaels at Geibel (Noon)

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Clairton	4	0	5	1
Serra	3	1	5	1
Fort Cherry	2	2	4	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	2	4	2
Burgettstown	2	2	3	3
Frazier	2	2	3	3
Bentworth	0	4	1	5
Avella	1	3	2	4

Friday

Clairton at Burgettstown
Avella at Bentworth
Fort Cherry at Frazier
Serra at C-Houston

Monessen summary

Monessen 35, Geibel 7

Monessen	14	7	7	7	- 35
Geibel	0	0	0	7	- 7

Mon - Crenshaw (55 run) Matush (kick)
Mon - Miller (73 run) Matush (kick)
Mon - Francia (29 pass from Stepoli) Matush (kick)
Mon - Stepoli (1 run) Matush (kick)
Geibel - Erdely (2 run) Kovalchuk (kick)
Mon - Small (6 run) Matush (kick)

Team statistics

	Mon	Gei
First downs	15	9
Rushing yds	406	135
Passing yds	39	17
Passes	3-7	2-6
Intercepted	1	0
Fumbles, lost	4-2	2-0
Penalties, yds	6-57	5-30

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	L	Overall W	L
Edinboro	4	0	6	1
California	4	0	5	2
Mercyhurst	3	1	4	3
Clarion	3	1	4	3
Slippery Rock	2	2	5	2
Indiana	0	4	3	4
Gannon	0	4	2	5
Lock Haven	0	4	0	6

Saturday, Oct. 10

California 48, Lock Haven 14
Edinboro 38, Indiana 24
Mercyhurst 27, Gannon 17

Saturday, Oct. 17

1 p.m. - Mercyhurst at Clarion; Slippery Rock at Gannon; Indiana at Lock Haven
3 p.m. - Edinboro at California

Cal U summary

California	17	14	14	3	- 48
Lock Haven	0	0	7	7	- 14

CCalifornia - FG, Domonkos (25).
CCalifornia - Moore (13, pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
Caliornia - Brown (6, run) Domonkos (kick)
California - Brown (15,run) Domonkos (kicki)
.California - Moore (53, pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
California - Williamson (8, pass from Ports) Domonkos (kick)
LockHaven - Smith (1, run) Heier (kick)
California - Jackson (2, pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)
Lock Haven - Sims (10, pass from Burkett) Heimer (kick)
California - FG, Domonkos (35).

Team statistics

	Cal	LH
First downs	22	9
Ys rushing	220	35
Yds passing	274	156
Passes	17-24-0	20-27-0
Fumbles, lost	0-0	2-2
Punts, ave.	1-38	5-36
Penalties, yds.	8-79	3-18

Individual statistics

Rushing

California - Brown, 10 for 77 yds, 2 tds; Bacco, 10 for 42 yds; Wilson, 6 for 29 yds; Morris, 3 for 16 yds; Conwell, 3 for 13 yds; Anderson, 2 for 12 yds; Johnson, 2 for 12 yds; Bailey, 3 for 11 yds; Portis, 4 for 8 yds.
Lock Haven - Smith, 9 for 24 yds, 1 td; Dunchack, 7 for 10 yds; Knighton, 1 for 3 yds; Burkett, 3 for 2 yds; Hartman, 1 for 2 yds; Snyder, 1 for 1 yd; Kratzer, 2 for minus 7 yds.

Passing

California - Portis, 17 of 23 for 274 yds, 4 tds; Morris, 0 of 1.
Lock Haven - Burkett, 10 of 14 for 110 yds, 1 td; Kratzer, 10 of 13 for 46 yds.

Pass receiving

California - Jackson, 5 for 60 yds, 1 td; Williamson, 4 for 58 yds, 1 td; Moore ,3 for 77 yds, 2 tds; Cherry, 3 for 66 yds; Conwell, 1 for 8 yds; Welc, 1 for 5 yds.
Lock Haven - Poorman, 5 for 19 yds; Hostetler, 4 for 10 yds; Hartman, 3 for 35 yds; Pryer, 2 for 69 yds; Dunchack, 2 for 2yds; Sims, 1 for 10 yds, 1 td; Smith, 1 for 6 yds; Knighton, 1 for 4 yds; Keefer, 1 for 1 yd.

Area golf

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130 - Jim Pierotti, Chuck Shannon, Joe Brehl and Rick Darnley.

Skill Prizes

Closest to the pin No. 14 - Barry Swart, 8 ft, 8 in.
Closest to the pin No. 16 - Katrina Synnott, 11 ft., 2 in.
Longest putt No. 9 - Jim Pecora, 36 ft., 8 in.
Longest putt No. 18 - Barry Swart, 35 ft., 2 in.
Closest to the pin No. 11 - Dottie Santmyer, 2 ft., 6 in.

Sports moves

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled D Brendan Mikkelson from Toronto (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned RW Jack Skille to Rockford (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS—Reassigned G Mlika Wiikman from Charlotte (ECHL) to Hartford (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Re-assigned F Francis Lessard to San Antonio (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS— Assigned F Frazer McLaren to Worcester (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned D Tyson Strachan to Peoria (AHL).

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Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Peters Township	8	0	0	10	2	1
Upper St. Clair	6	2	0	10	2	1
Canon-McMillan	5	3	0	9	5	0
Moon	3	5	0	6	7	1
Ringgold	2	6	0	7	6	0
Trinity	0	8	0	2	13	0

Saturday

Moon 1, Hopewell 0
Upper St. Clair 1, Mt. Lebanon 0
South Park 10, Trinity 0

Tuesday

Ringgold at Peters Township
Canon-McMillan at Moon
Upper St. Clair at Trinity

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
S'moreland	10	1	0	11	3	0
South Park	8	1	0	11	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	7	3	1	10	4	1
Thomas Jefferson	6	4	1	7	6	1
Elizabeth Forward	5	6	0	7	8	0
Steel Valley	3	7	0	4	8	0
Uniontown	2	8	0	2	11	0
Yough	0	11	0	0	12	0

Saturday

S'moreland 2, Mt. Pleasant 1

Today

Steel Valley at South Park

Tuesday

S'moreland at Belle Vernon Area
Thomas Jefferson at Steel Valley
Uniontown at Elizabeth Forward
Yough at South Park

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Grb. Central	11	0	0	11	3	0
Trinity Christian	8	3	0	9	4	0
Serra	6	4	0	9	4	0
Geibel	6	5	0	10	5	0
Winchester Thurs.	6	4	1	7	5	1
California	3	7	1	6	9	1
South Allegheny	2	8	0	2	10	0
Brownsville	0	11	0	0	15	0

Today

California at South Allegheny

Tuesday

Geibel at Serra
Trinity Christian at Brownsville
Winchester Thurston at Grb. Central

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	8	0	1	11	1	2
Bentworth	7	2	1	8	6	1
Charleroi	6	3	0	9	4	0
C-Houston	5	4	1	5	8	2
Monessen	2	6	2	4	8	2
Brentwood	1	7	1	2	9	1
Beth-Center	1	8	0	4	9	0

Saturday

Bentworth 13, Brownsville 2

Tuesday

Beth-Center at Charleroi
Carlynton at Monessen
C-Houston at Brentwood
Avonworth at Bentworth

College football Top 25

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida (50)	5-0	1,490	1
2. Alabama (10)	6-0	1,430	3
3. Texas	5-0	1,395	2
4. Virginia Tech	5-1	1,283	5
5. Boise St.	5-0	1,199	6
6. Southern Cal	4-1	1,161	7
7. Ohio St.	5-1	1,048	9
8. Cincinnati	5-0	1,038	8
9. Miami	4-1	970	11
10. LSU	5-1	947	4
11. Iowa	6-0	919	12
12. TCU	5-0	917	10
13. Oregon	5-1	776	13
14. Penn St.	5-1	597	14
15. Nebraska	4-1	576	21
16. Oklahoma St.	4-1	559	15
17. Kansas	5-0	551	16
18. BYU	5-1	490	18
19. Georgia Tech	5-1	453	22
20. Oklahoma	3-2	432	19
21. South Florida	5-0	330	23
22. South Carolina	5-1	319	25
23. Houston	4-1	192	-
24. Utah	4-1	76	-
25. Notre Dame	4-1	75	-

Others receiving votes: Pitt 58, Auburn 55, West Virginia 46, Mississippi 28, Wisconsin 27, Missouri 25, Arkansas 16, Cent. Michigan 6, Arizona 5, Michigan 5, Oregon St. 2, Idaho 1, Navy 1, Stanford 1, Texas Tech 1.

Baseball playoffs

Sunday

Los Angeles 7, Boston 6, Los Angeles wins series 3-0
New York 4, Minnesota 1, New York wins series 3-0
Philadelphia 6, Colorado 5, Philadelphia wins series 2-1

Today

Philadelphia (Lee 7-4) at Colorado (Jimenez 15-12), 6:07 p.m.

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Mt. Lebanon	8	1	0	10	3	0
Upper St. Clair	8	1	0	8	4	1
Canon-McMillan	7	2	0	10	5	0
Trinity	3	6	0	5	8	0
Elizabeth Forward	3	6	0	4	9	0
Ringgold	3	7	0	5	9	0
West Mifflin	0	9	0	2	11	0

Today

Trinity at Ringgold
Upper St. Clair at Elizabeth
West Mifflin at Canon-McMillan

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
S'moreland	9	0	2	10	1	2
Belle Vernon Area	9	0	2	11	2	2
Connellsville	7	4	0	8	7	0
Waynesburg	6	5	0	8	7	0
Yough	5	6	0	8	7	0
Laurel Highlands	4	7	0	5	10	0
Uniontown	2	9	0	3	10	0
Albert Gallatin	0	11	0	0	13	0

Today

Uniontown at BV Area
Yough at S'moreland
Laurel Highlands at Albert Gallatin
Waynesburg at Connellsville

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	10	0	0	12	1	1
South Fayette	7	1	0	8	4	1
McGuffey	7	2	0	9	5	0
Bentworth	4	6	0	7	8	0
Charleroi	3	7	0	6	9	0
C-Houston	1	7	0	1	12	1
Beth-Center	0	9	0	2	10	0

Today

Charleroi at C-Houston
Beth-Center at South Fayette
McGuffey at South Park
Bentworth at East Allegheny

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Mt. Pleasant	8	1	0	11	3	0
Grb. Central	7	2	0	11	3	1
Geibel	7	2	0	9	4	0
Jeannette	4	3	1	6	5	2
Monessen	2	6	1	4	7	1
St. Joseph	1	7	0	3	9	0
East Allegheny	0	8	0	1	9	0

Today

Monessen at Geibel
Jeannette at Mt. Pleasant
St. Joseph at Grb. Central

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	5	4	1	0	8	17	14
N.Y. Rangers	5	4	1	0	8	17	10
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	19	15
New Jersey	4	2	2	0	4	11	13
N.Y. Islanders	3	0	0	3	3	8	11
Northeast Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Ottawa	4	3	1	0	6	11	10
Buffalo	3	2	0	1	5	4	3
Boston	4	2	2	0	4	13	15
Montreal	5	2	3	0	4	12	18
Toronto	4	0	3	1	1	10	17
Southeast Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	5	2	2	1	5	20	18
Atlanta	3	2	1	0	4	12	9
Tampa Bay	4	1	1	2	4	12	14
Carolina	5	2	3	0	4	13	17
Florida	4	1	3	0	2	8	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	4	3	1	0	6	12	10
Chicago	4	2	1	1	5	13	10
Nashville	3	2	1	0	4	6	5
Detroit	4	2	2	0	4	12	13
St. Louis	4	2	2	0	4	12	12
Northwest Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	5	4	1	0	8	19	17
Colorado	4	2	1	1	5	13	9
Edmonton	4	2	1	1	5	14	14
Vancouver	5	2	3	0	4	17	17
Minnesota	4	1	3	0	2	10	15
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles	4	3	1	0	6	17	14
San Jose	5	3	2	0	6	20	17
Anaheim	5	2	2	1	5	13	13
Dallas	4	1	0	3	5	14	14
Phoenix	4	2	2	0	4	10	7

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Anaheim 0
Vancouver 4, Dallas 3, SO

Today's Games

Colorado at Boston, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Guerrero's hit knocks out Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-out, two-run single off Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon in the ninth inning and the Los Angeles Angels rallied past Boston 7-6 in Game 3 Sunday, advancing to the AL championship series with their first postseason sweep in franchise history.

The Red Sox intentionally walked Torii Hunter with runners on second and third to bring up Guerrero, a star who had long been waiting for a big October hit. Guerrero capped the three-run comeback with his go-ahead hit off Papelbon.

Down 5-1 early and still trailing 6-4 in the ninth, the Angels began their rally when Erick Aybar singled on a two-strike pitch. Chone Figgins walked and Bobby Abreu hit an RBI double for the first postseason run Papelbon had allowed.

After Hunter was walked intentionally, Guerrero, who had one RBI in his previous 19 postseason games, singled sharply to center on the first pitch.

Yankees 4, Twins 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Alex Rodriguez and Jorge Posada hit seventh-inning home runs to spoil Carl Pavano's opportunity to frustrate New Yorkers one more time, and the Yankees advanced to their first AL championship series in five years. Mariano Rivera closed out Game 3 — the last baseball game at the Metrodome — to preserve Andy Pettitte's record-tying 15th career postseason win.

Phillies 6, Rockies 5

DENVER (AP) — Brad Lidge stranded runners at first and second base on a bitterly cold night when he got Troy Tulowitzki to fly out to shallow left field, giving the Phillies' a 2-1 lead in their National League division series.

Huston Street allowed Ryan Howard's sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth that scored Jimmy Rollins with the tiebreaking run after another apparent blown call by the umpires.

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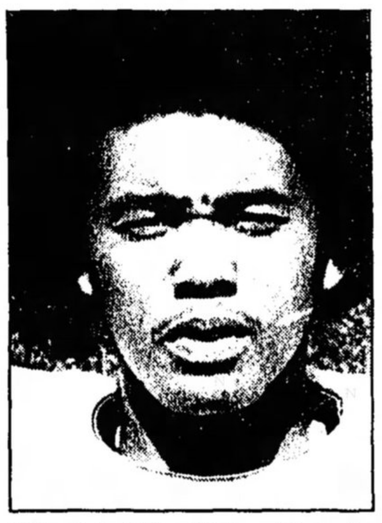

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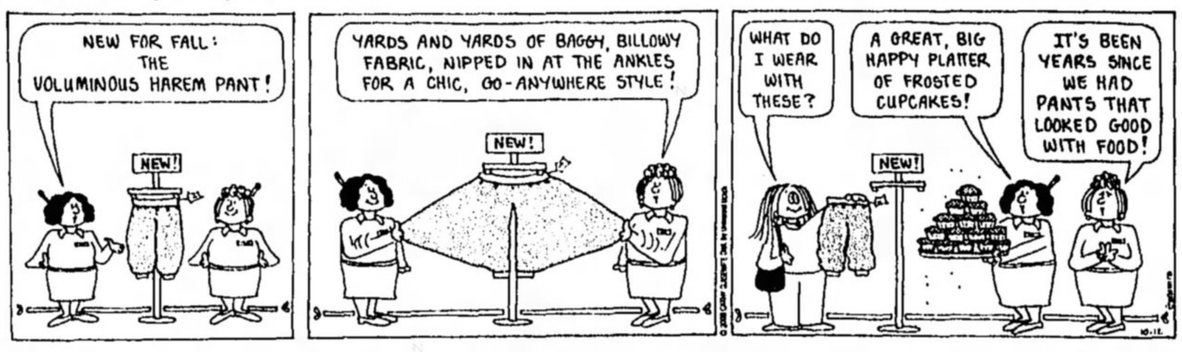
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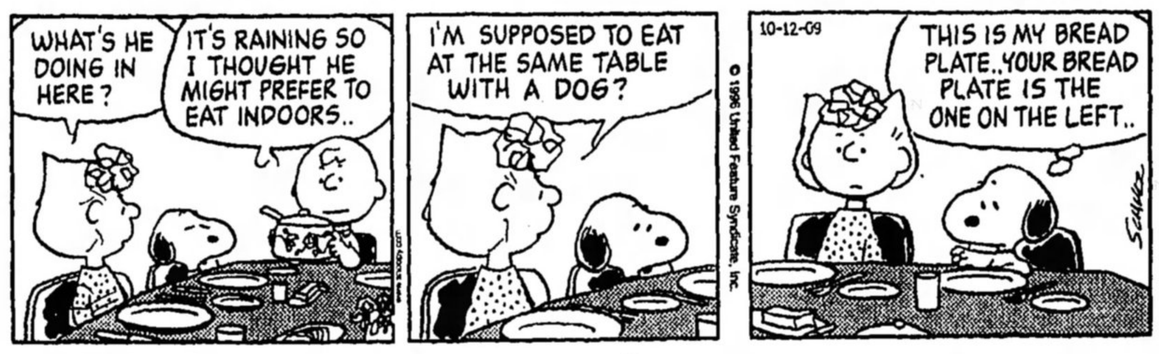
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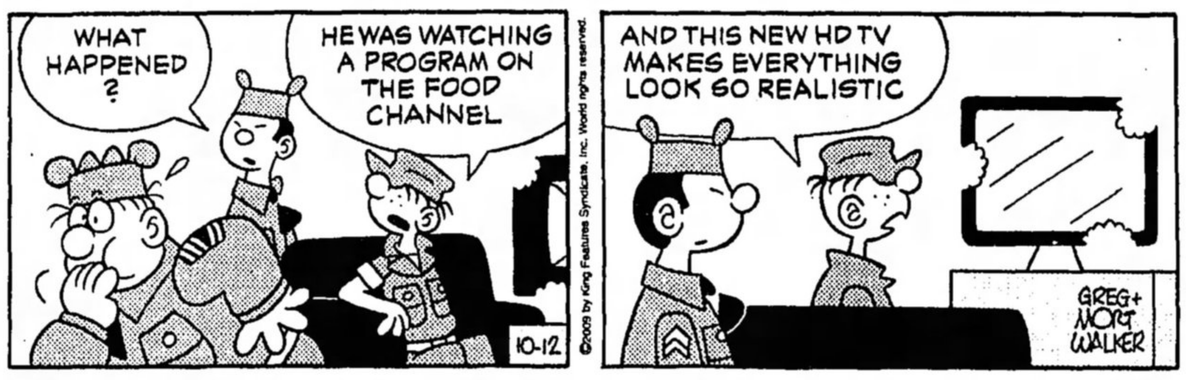
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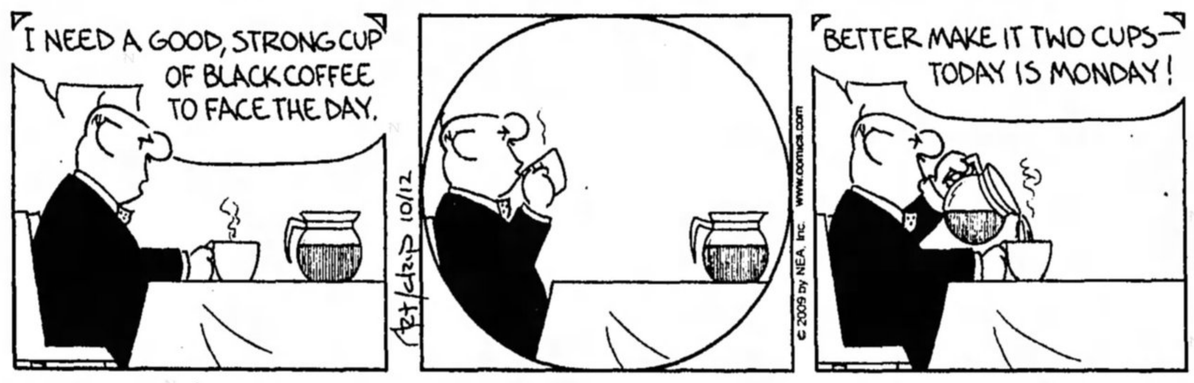
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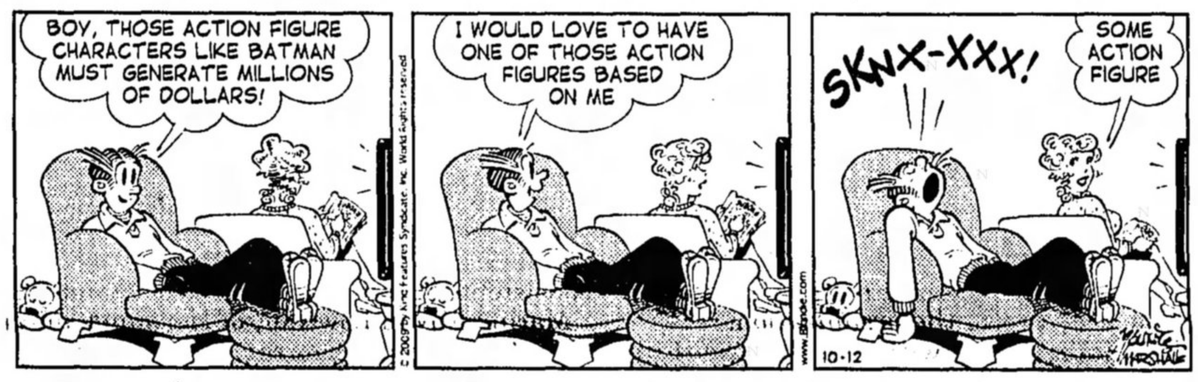
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I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE ACTION FIGURES BASED ON ME
SKNX-XXX!
SOME ACTION FIGURE
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SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

TODAY IS COLUMBUS DAY.
WE HONOR HIM TODAY FOR DISCOVERING WHAT LAND MASS?
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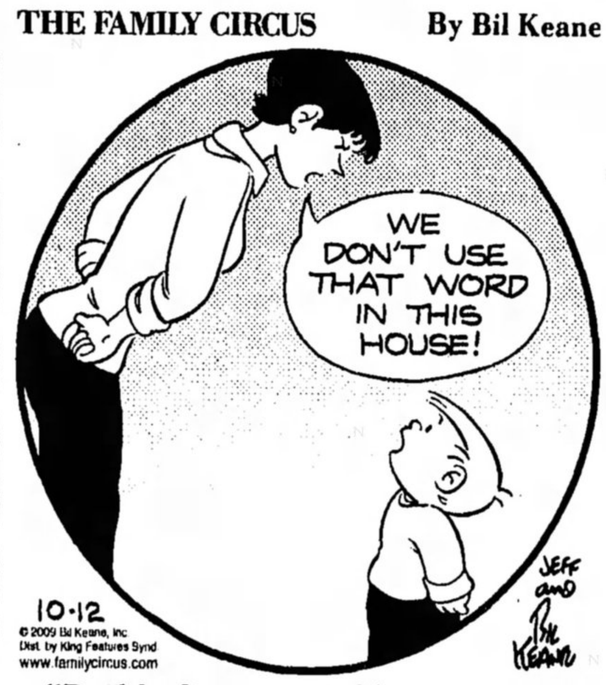
KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane


WE DON'T USE THAT WORD IN THIS HOUSE!
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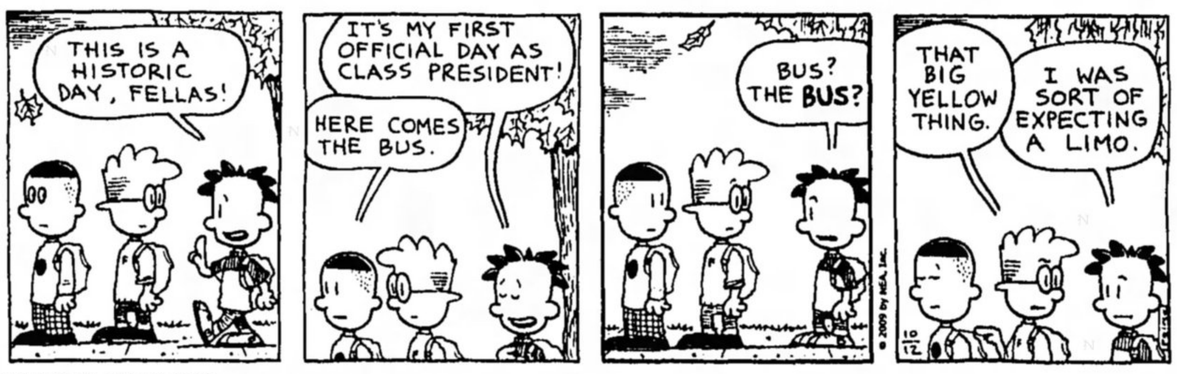
JEFF and BIL KEANE

"Do I hafta go outside to use it?"

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce


THIS IS A HISTORIC DAY, FELLAS!
IT'S MY FIRST OFFICIAL DAY AS CLASS PRESIDENT!
HERE COMES THE BUS.
BUS? THE BUS?
THAT BIG YELLOW THING.
I WAS SORT OF EXPECTING A LIMO.
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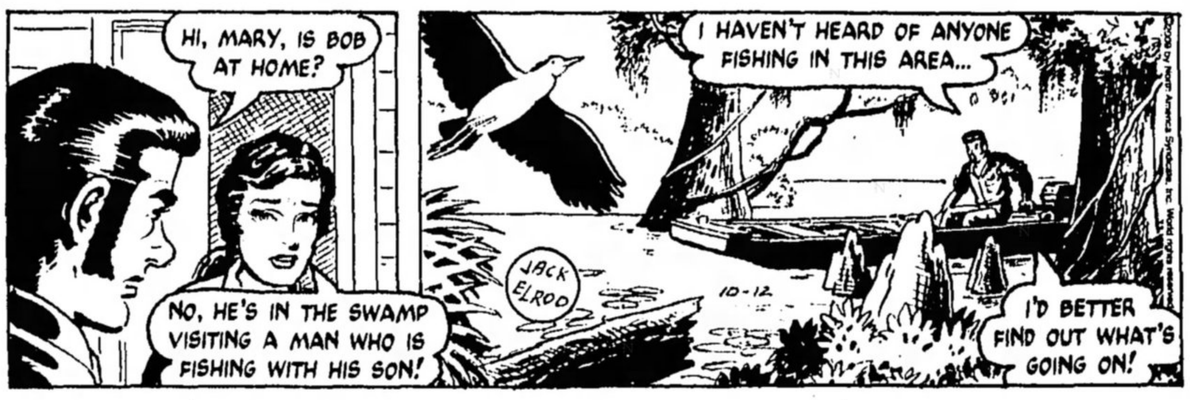
HI, MARY, IS BOB AT HOME?
NO, HE'S IN THE SWAMP VISITING A MAN WHO IS FISHING WITH HIS SON!
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYONE FISHING IN THIS AREA...
JACK ELROD
10-12
I'D BETTER FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

		1		9	7			
	5	2	4		8	9		
9	6					3	7	
	2				6		5	7
3								9
6	4		1				3	
	9	8					4	3
		3	8		4	2	9	
			9	2		1		

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Difficulty Level ★ 10/12

Answer to previous puzzle

8	6	4	7	3	1	5	2	9
7	9	3	2	5	8	4	1	6
5	1	2	4	9	6	8	7	3
4	3	5	9	6	2	1	8	7
9	7	8	1	4	5	3	6	2
1	2	6	8	7	3	9	4	5
2	8	9	3	1	7	6	5	4
3	5	7	6	8	4	2	9	1
6	4	1	5	2	9	7	3	8

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 10/11

The Valley Independent Crossword

ACROSS

1 Lone Ranger's need
5 RN's asset
8 Twilight, to a poet
11 Weakness
12 Corduroy rib
14 Sense of hearing
15 Tactic
16 Saga
17 Home furnishing
18 Razorbacks
20 Level expanses
22 After taxes
23 Help go wrong
24 Jam in tightly
27 Go yachting
29 Hematite
30 Breaks a code
34 Cosmetics (2 wds.)
37 Animal doc
38 Depose
39 Unpredictable
41 Drove too fast
43 Heifer's mouthful
44 Famed Muppet frog
46 Moocher
49 Potato st.
50 Big volume
52 Asian mountains
54 Top NCO
55 Commotion
56 Greenish mineral
57 Date regularly
58 Wood for floors
59 Dueler's sword

DOWN

1 Sports award
2 Catches cold
3 Trash hauler
4 Entering data
5 Bird sound
6 Swimmer's unit
7 Paper holder
8 Like a wolf's howl
9 Boast about
10 Joule units
13 Cream puff
19 Born as
21 With skill
24 Outstanding success
25 Time period
26 Berlin article
27 Faxed, maybe
28 Circus routine
30 Bad-mouth
31 Garden hose plastic
32 Casual wear
33 Hog's abode
35 Rhyme
36 Listens in
39 Payable now
40 Form a thought
41 Bulrush
42 Chatter
43 Office worker
44 Sealed with a —
45 Oz pooch
47 Show appreciation
48 — and hearty
51 She played Rosemary
53 Frost

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	O	A			P	U	B		Y	A	W	L
A	R	C		F	A	R	E		A	R	A	B
R	E	L	E	A	R	N	S		M	E	T	S
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	Z	U	L	U	S		A	T	L	A	S	T
J	U	N	E		U	N	S	E	E	M	L	Y
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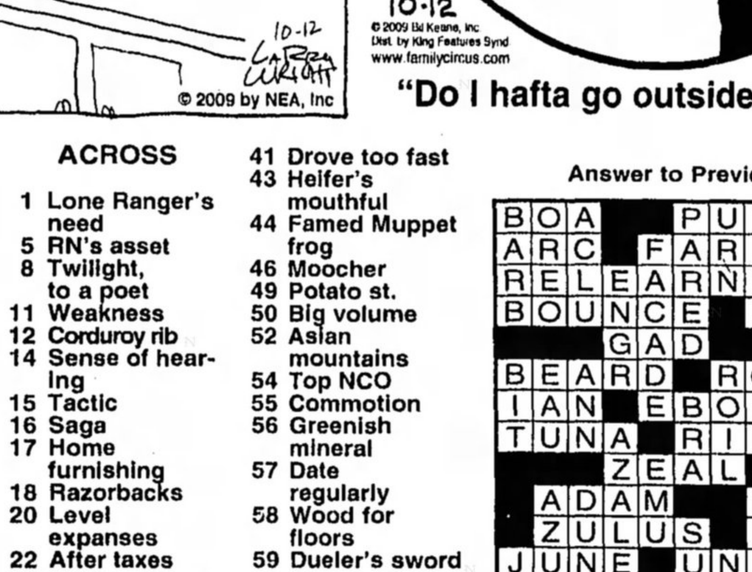

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FEATURES

WEDDINGS

Borne-Ryan

Laura Borne, of Belle Vernon, and William Ryan, of Washington, Pa., were united in marriage May 16, 2009, at Heinz Chapel, Pittsburgh, with the Rev. Joseph Griffo officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bernadette and James Borne, of Belle Vernon. The groom is the son of Barbara Miller, of Hickory, and the late Donald Miller, and William and Sue Ryan, of Avella.

Matron of honor was Alicia Bakota, of West Mifflin. Bridesmaids were Angela Borne, of Uniontown, sister of the bride; Helena Cleric, of Hickory, sister of the groom; and Mary Wichterman, of Donora. Flower girls were Lilly and Nathalie Cleric, of Hickory, nieces of the groom.

Best man was Louis Ryan, of Hickory, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Bauman, of Lancaster; Nate Cleric, of Hickory, brother-in-law of the groom; and Joey Ryan, of Avella, brother of the groom. Ring bearer was Louie Ryan, of Hickory, nephew of the groom.

The bride is a Belle Vernon Area High School and University of Pittsburgh graduate and is employed at Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, as an intensive care unit nurse. The groom graduated from Fort

Laura and William Ryan

Cherry High School, Washington, and Defiance College, Ohio. He is employed as a teacher and assistant football coach at Waynesburg High School.

Following a Caribbean cruise honeymoon, the couple is residing in Washington, Pa.

ENGAGEMENTS

Logan-Vitale

Marsha and Vic Vitale, of Monongahela, announced the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Vitale, to Jeff Logan, son of Deb and Roger Logan, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Vitale, a Ringgold High School and Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, graduate, is a pharmacist at Omnicare in Greensburg. Logan graduated from Archbishop Mueller High School in Cincinnati and Duquesne University. He is employed with Community Health Partners, Lorain, Ohio, as a practice operations specialist.

The couple plans to be married May 29, 2010, at the Duquesne University Chapel, with the Rev. Joseph Feltz presiding.

Jeff Logan & Lauren Vitale

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Mon Valley Leathernecks

Commandant Howard Weber opened the September meeting at the Black Diamond VFW with a call to invite Marine veterans in the area to join the organization.

The joint effort with the Donora Fire Department with the Cash Bash on Sept. 12 was a success. The funds will be used for the many needs of the fire department and for the Leathernecks' Toys for Tots Program.

The Ladies Auxiliary will eventually have uniforms consistent with the uniforms worn by the organization. The commandant noted what a great help and asset the auxiliary is to the association.

The Marine Corps Ball will be held 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Donora Municipal Building. Tickets are $20 per person and can be purchased from any member of the organization. The public is invited to join in this time-honored military ball, which features all members in uniform and an agenda consistent with the Marine Corps Manual.

Marine Edwin Lowther, of Herminie, and disabled Vietnam veteran, John Hritz, of Brownsville, passed away. Books in the deceased Marines' respective libraries will be placed by Book Committee Chairman Dave Meckel.

Chaplain Larry Maggi reported on the ceremonies for Vietnam veteran Ducky MacPherson, of Hendersonville. Maggi reported that a pavilion was named after him and the ceremony was attended by the MacPherson family, veterans, and guests.

In concluding the meeting, a special acknowledgment was made of Marine veteran and former Congressman Austin J. Murphy, who was present at the meeting.

Thomas McKee Post 28 American Legion, Monessen

The September meeting was opened with the flag pledge, followed by grace prior to dinner and the swearing in of the new officers for the coming year. Also present were two members of the Monessen Museum.

Following dinner Dan Zyglowicz, president of the Monessen Museum, spoke about veterans who have keepsakes from their tour of duty. He assured them that the items would be returned to them after they were put on display for several months. Candice Kelley accompanied Zyglowicz to the meeting.

The swearing in of the officers took place with Robert Jartin, District 31 commander, and David Black, adjutant, taking place to do the job. The officers sworn in included: John F. Billy, commander; James Pallini, first vice commander; Gus August, second vice commander; Robert Gilloty, chaplain; Judge Gilfert Mihalich, judge advocate; Wayne Vlasic, adjutant; Frank Gaudio, post historian; David Rhome, service officer, who was absent; Frank Maiolini, sergeant at arms; and Greg Dacko, finance officer. After the swearing in, the commander gave a short talk about his service as commander in the past year.

The reports of departments were given. James Pallini reported that as of that date he only had four bands that are ready to play in the parade. He said he would be contacting the other bands that he has on his list.

There will be meeting with the two members from the fire departments to line up the parade route. Each department will be given a number and the day of the parade they will report to that designated area and stay there until the parade begins. Prior to the parade, each participating group that will be in the parade will be sent a card with their number on it, so come the date of the parade they will know where they are to report.

The three judges who have been chosen will stand on the trailer that will be parked on Donner Avenue between Third and Fourth streets. The judges will be Cindy Chelen, superintendent of schools; Scipio White, retired mail carrier, and one yet to be named by *The Valley Independent*.

A shuttle bus has been hired to transport those that don't know where the Elks Club is located and also for those who want to ride up to the park and return back to Parente Boulevard.

The parade route will begin at Parente Boulevard, go down to Donner Avenue to Eighth Street and then go up Eighth Street and return to Parente from where began.

The honor guard will present the colors at the Elks Park prior to the luncheon. Chaplain, the Rev. Fred Pfeil, of St. Michael Syrian Orthodox Church, will deliver the opening prayer and at the conclusion of the meal, the benediction. Following prayer, the colors will be put to rest.

Up to the present time in excess of $10,000 worth of ads has been sold for the booklet.

Since there was no further business, Billy asked the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: X equals P

"MDD WTBWRK MTS SMKZ WY BPUSTKWMPU YPJS WRSZ MTS UEKJYCSTSU; WRS XYEPW EK WY UEKJYCST WRSF." - NMDEDSY

NMDEDSE

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days." - Bill Dana

CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

- Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performance, California University Steele Hall Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.
- New Eagle AARP meeting, VFW hall, 1 p.m.
- Monessen School Board meeting, elementary center board room, 7:30 p.m.
- Mon Valley Serra Club meeting, JEM Lounge, Fallowfield Township, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon Valley Regional Chamber "Leads over Lunch," event, Smitty's Marina, Lower Speers, 1 p.m.
- RSDS Support Group meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame board of directors meeting, Belle Vernon Area School District Administration Building, 270 Crest Ave., 7 p.m.
- Pike Run 4-H meeting, Grace United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- Twilight Borough Council meeting, borough building, 7 p.m.
- American Croatian Citizens Club, Donora, meeting, club meeting room, 7 p.m.
- Ernest E. Jobes Post 212 American Legion, Donora, meeting, post, 7 p.m.
- Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, Hill's Restaurant, noon.
- Corning/World Kitchen Retirees meeting, Riverside Place, Charleroi, 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Symposium set in Donora

The Donora Smog Commemorative Committee and Historical Society's annual Symposium with special guest speakers Devra Davis, PhD., and MPH, and California University's Min Li, PhD, environmental chemist, will be held 1 p.m. Friday at the Donora Municipal Building, 603 Meldon Ave. They will discuss "Air Pollution and Chronic Diseases." For information, contact DeAnne Pavelko at pavelko@calu.edu.

BV Lions plan health screening

The Belle Vernon Lions Club will hold its annual health screening 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday and Oct. 24 at the Lions Building, 435 Speer St., Belle Vernon. Walk-ins are welcome. For information, call 1-800-524-3414.

CPR class set in Charleroi

The Charleroi American Legion Auxiliary will have a CPR certification class 1 p.m. Saturday at the post. Those interested in receiving certification must register by Thursday by calling (724) 489-4686 or (724) 489-9059 and leave your name and number. The fee is payable on the day of class. Class and certification will be done by EMT instructor, Lil Parker. Only those registered will be able to attend class.

Cleanup project set in Monessen

Work Together Monessen is announcing a "Sprucin'Up, Sweepin'Up and Keepin' Up" event to be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The project covers two areas: Phase 1 area (Ninth Street to Fourth Street, between Reed and Knox) and Phase 2 area (Donner Avenue). Those interested in being a part of the project can meet at the Dudas Building, corner of Sixth and Knox, for Phase 1 area or at the Monessen Library for the Phase 2 area. Volunteers will receive gloves, garbage bags and orange vests, compliments of PennDOT, as well as a complimentary bag lunch. Brooms and dust pans can be brought. If you have a pickup truck and can help, contact Lee Johnson at (724) 614-6022.

Craft show set at Barren Run

Barren Run United Methodist Church will hold its annual craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. There will also be homemade soups, sandwiches and a bake sale. Proceeds benefit the church building fund and the United Methodist Women's Missionary projects. Cookbooks and Cats Meow figures of the old and new church will also be sold. The church is located on Barren Run Road, Smithton.

Spaghetti dinner set in Monessen

The Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Auxiliary is hosting a spaghetti dinner noon to 6 p.m. Saturday at the No. 1 club, 323 East Donner Ave. Tickets are available at the club or by calling Linda at (727) 797-0747. All proceeds will benefit the Monessen Veterans Day parade fund.

Apple festival, pork dinner set

Fells United Methodist Church, Rostraver Township, will host an apple festival and roast pork dinner 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday. The dinner will comprise pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, homemade applesauce, rolls, beverage and ice cream. Homemade apple dumplings and homemade applesauce will be sold. A bake sale featuring apples in every way will be held. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For information, call (724) 379-4502 or visit the Web site at www.fellsumc.org.

NATIONAL BOSS DAY

October 16

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YOUR MESSAGE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 ON A SPECIAL BOSS DAY SALUTE HAPPY AD PAGE

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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE OF EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

October 12, 2009

In accordance with Sections 4 and 7 of Federal Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, *The Municipal Authority* of the Township of Washington is requesting public input on its evaluation of a proposed project entitled "Sanitary Sewerage System Project, Washington Township, Fayette County" which will traverse through a site within the floodplains of the following river:

Unnamed Tributary of Downers Run

This notice is issued prior to final action granting project approval so as to provide opportunity for early public review.

The Municipal Authority of the Township of Washington proposes to install approximately 150,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines and force mains of varying diameter. The purpose of the project is to provide sanitary sewage service to the citizens of Washington Township. Funding is expected to be provided by the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, and USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

The proposed action may affect the floodplain of an unnamed tributary of Downers Run. The project will include portions of gravity sewer lines constructed within the floodplain of the named river. Therefore, the project site is partially located in an area predicted to be inundated by a flood event having a one percent (1%) probability of recurring each year (this is the 100-year base flood). The Municipal Authority of the Township of Washington is reviewing the action for its effects on passage of floodwaters, for alternatives to *floodplain development*, and for consistency with federal, state and local policies and regulations on floodplain management.

The Municipal Authority of the Township of Washington invites all interested persons to participate in the decision whether to assist with federal funds this proposed floodplain development. Besides its publication in this paper, this notice is being distributed to community groups and public agencies.

Any *questions about the project or requests for* additional information should be directed to The Municipal Authority of the Township of Washington, 1390 Fayette Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012, (telephone: 724-929-3370). Issues raised during the course of the review will be integrated into the decision making process. The Municipal Authority anticipates completing the review by November 12, 2009. A notice describing the findings and a public explanation of its decision will be published in this paper on or after November 12, 2009. At least a two-week period will be permitted to the public for comments on the decision.

Dolores K. Fisher, Chairperson
The Municipal Authority of the
Township of Washington
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charleroi Area School District uses the following procedures for screening, identifying, and evaluating specified needs of school-aged students requiring special programs of service.

The district meets the health requirement screening as described in Section 1402 of the School Code. The district routinely conducts screening of a child's hearing acuity in the following grades: Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 11 and others according to need. Visual acuity is screened in every grade. Height and *weight data are collected yearly at every grade level. The hearing and visual acuity screenings and* BMI screenings are done along with the height and weight throughout the months of September, October and November. Dental exams will be conducted for grades K, 3 and 7 on March 1st, 2nd & 3rd 2010, in the respective schools. On October 2, 2009 physicals will be conducted for Kindergarten and grades 6 & 11. Scoliosis screenings are conducted for grades 6 & 7 on the same days as height, weight, hearing and visual screenings. Sports physicals are to be conducted in the beginning of November 2009 and the beginning of March 2010. Immunizations are updated each year. Speech and language skills are screened upon referral from parents and/or professional staff. Gross motor and fine motor skills, academic skills, and social-emotional skills are assessed by classroom teachers on an on-going basis and referrals made when needed.
From time to time the school district will administer standardized tests to students. Reports of these tests are provided to the parents. In addition, most elementary students will be tested by their teachers to see if they have learned the particular skills being taught. These tests are given throughout the year. The PSSA/PASA is administered at the mandated grade levels in the fall and/or spring of each school year. Other testing occurs on the basis of individual need. Vocational interests tests may be given in the secondary schools. Report cards are issued quarterly. Any parent who has a question about the testing program should contact the Building Principal.

Standardized Testing Schedule for the 2009-2010 School Year

High School:
PSAT - October 14, 2009
SAT - March 13, 2010
PSSA - Retake for seniors. October 26, 2009
PSSA - Writing Assessment, juniors only. April 19, 2010
PSSA - Math and Reading Assessment, juniors only. April 12, 2010
PSSA - Science Assessment, juniors only. April 26, 2010
4Sight Test 1 - Grades 9, 10 and 11. September 15, 2009
4Sight Test 3 - Grades 9, 10 and 11. January 12, 2010
4Sight Test 4 - Grades 9, 10 and 11. March 23, 2010
The High School does not take test #2

Middle School:
PSSA - Writing grade 8, April 20 & 21, 2010
PSSA - Math & Reading grades 6, 7 & 8, April 8, 13 & 14, 2010
PSSA - Science grade 8, April 27 to April 28, 2010
4Sight Math Assessment Test 1 - Grade 7, October 6, 2009
4Sight Math Assessment Test 3 - Grade 7, January 14 to January 29, 2010
4Sight Math Assessment Test 4 - Grade 7, March 15 to March 30, 2010
The Middle School does not take test #2

Elementary Center
PSSA - Writing grade 5, April 19 to April 23, 2010
PSSA - Math and Reading grades 3, 4 & 5, February 15 to March 25, 2010
PSSA - Science grade 4, April 26 to April 30, 2010
Kindergarten Registration - April 29, 2010

At the elementary and secondary level, screening information is used by the Building Principal to address the specific needs of the student and/or to document the need for further evaluation. If it is determined that the child may need additional services, the child is referred to the Child Study Team. The Team includes the guidance counselor, parent, teachers, principal and other professional staff as warranted. The team will consult and the necessary adjustments relative to such areas as learning, behavior, and physical performance will be attempted to keep the child involved with traditional classroom experiences. If a student doesn't make progress, parents will be asked to give written permission for a multidisciplinary evaluation.
Parents with concerns regarding their child may contact the Building Principal at any time to request a screening or evaluation. The request shall be in writing. If the request is made orally, the parent will be asked to make the request in writing and will be provided with the proper form. Communication with parents and student shall be in English or their native language. For parents with hearing impairment, the school district will provide a person to communicate in sign language.
After the evaluation is completed, an Evaluation Report (ER) is compiled with parent input and determines if the student has a disability and is need of special education and related services. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed for those students qualifying for special education services. The IEP Team consists of the following: the parents, the Building Principal/LEA, a special education teacher and a regular education teacher. Other team members may include: the student when appropriate, the school psychologist, public agency representative, other teachers or specialists, other administrative staff, etc. Parents are an integral part of the IEP Team and are encouraged to be physically present at the IEP meeting. The district makes every effort to ensure parent participation. The district notifies the parent in writing and makes documented phone calls to make parents aware of the IEP conference and the importance of parent participation. Parents are then presented a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP) with which they agree or disagree. If parents agree, the IEP is implemented.
The Charleroi Area School District operates a comprehensive continuum of services for special needs students. Types of services available include: Learning Support which is primarily for students with academic learning needs, Life Skills Support which focuses primarily on the need for independent living skills, *Emotional Support which addresses social and emotional difficulties, Multiple Disabilities* Support which is for students with more than one disability, Physical Support for students whose need is the result of an orthopedic impairment, Autistic Support for those students diagnosed with Autism and/or Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Speech and Language Support which is for students who have articulation and/or expressive/receptive language difficulties, Hearing Support for students who are hearing impaired/deaf, and Vision Support is for students that are blind or visually impaired. The small number of students whose needs cannot be accommodated in the public school setting can receive services in an approved private school or other licensed facility at school district expense. No such placement is made without an IEP meeting and parental agreement.
If a child does not qualify for special education services, he/she may still be considered a protected handicapped student and require services under Chapter 15. A protected handicapped student is a student who is school age with a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to any aspect of the school program. Charleroi Area School District provides each protected handicapped student the aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extra curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. If you believe your child comes under this classification and is in need of a service to assist him/her in benefiting from his/her education, you should contact the Building Principal.
The Charleroi Area School District recognizes the need to protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information in the education records of exceptional children. The Charleroi Area School District has adopted policies to insure the privacy rights of both the parents and the exceptional child in the collection, maintenance, release, and destruction of these records. The Charleroi Area School District and its staff are required by Federal Law and State and Federal Rules and Regulations to protect the rights of students. The foundation of these rights comes from Federal Legislation entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 - FERPA (also known as the Buckley Amendments) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment- PPRA. All students are protected by the State Regulations contained in Chapter 12 known as Students' Rights and Responsibilities. In addition, State Rules and Regulations protect regular and special education students' rights and privacy.
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A more detailed explanation of these rights, the procedure to follow, and the limitations on the release of records are presented in the school district's policy on the collection, maintenance and release of student records. You may obtain a copy of this policy by contacting the Building Principal.
For further information on the screening procedures, evaluation procedures, and provisions of services to protected handicapped students, contact Dr. Tamara Stimmell, Assistant Superintendent, 125 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi, PA 15022.
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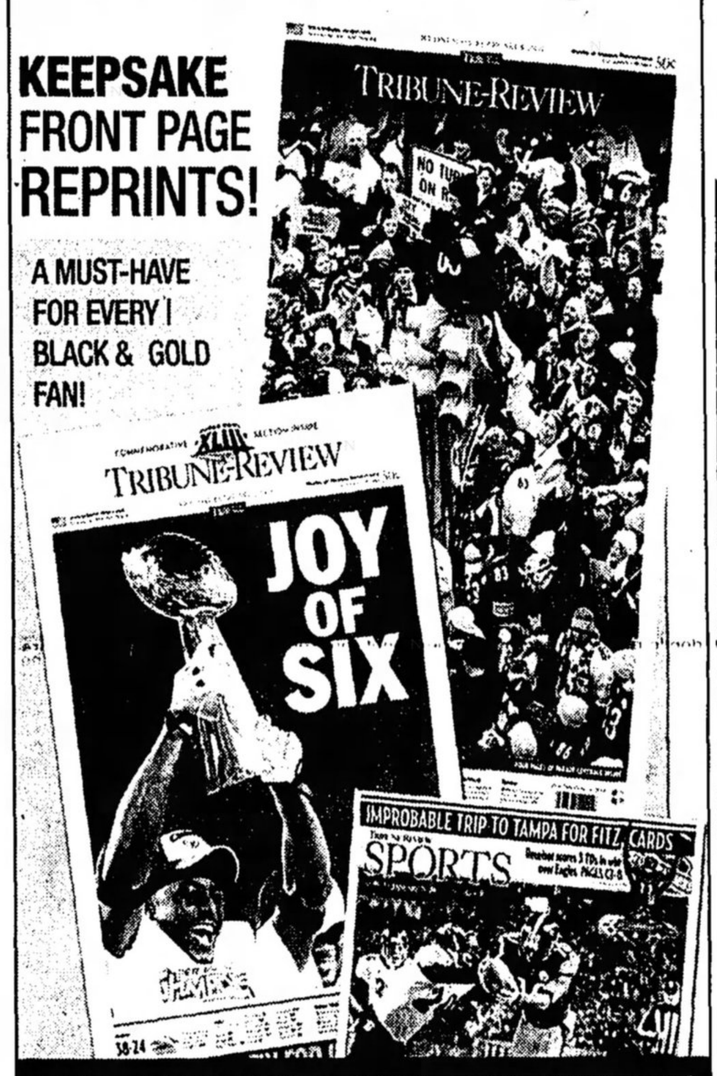

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Your Birthday
TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

In the year ahead, whenever you lay out a thoughtful course for achieving a goal and stick to the plan, you shouldn't have any trouble attaining it. Conversely, letting others throw you off course could turn out disastrously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You've always been told not to play favorites. If you weaken between two of your closest friends, you'll discover quickly why this advice is trenchant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Get all of your chores out of the way as soon as possible. As time moves on, what you don't mind doing early on could become extremely distasteful and never get accomplished.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You're usually a good sport about going along with the majority, and you will be so again, but only up to a point. The moment could come when you've had enough and will bluntly say so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- It'll make you feel good to perform little favors and help others without expecting anything in return. Yet if you feel your efforts are unappreciated, it could be another story.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Select fun-loving companions because they will help make your day a happy one. However, remember everyone tires eventually, so know when to call it quits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Don't let anyone but you lay out an agenda for yourself, and you should be more fortunate than usual. Conversely, giving negative companions a say will be a costly mistake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You'll enjoy interacting with fun people, yet, ironically, associating with these types could make you feel inadequate or a bit sad if you are someone who thinks ill of yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It is important not to allow the slightest negative signal to throw you off course. If you keep it all together, this could turn out to be a fun day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Even if you do a number of things that are deserving of sincere compliments, there might be times when you think someone is trying to manipulate you through flattery. You could be right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- If a cohort offers to do something special for you, it's OK to accept -- but be on guard. There is every reason to believe he or she could be trying to play you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- It might require the wisdom of Solomon to render a judgment between two close family members or friends who are having a disagreement, so try to stay out of it no matter how strongly you feel about things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- When opportunity knocks, time might not be your strongest ally. Unless you act on things immediately, you could lose the chance to take advantage of a good thing.